INTRODUCTION

ANOTHER year has passed and herewith we present for your approval the fourth Annual Edition of The Boxing Blade.

We are confident that those of our 100,000 and more readers who received the Annual Edition last year and the years before, and who get this edition, will agree with us that our latest effort surpasses its predecessors in every respect.

MIKE E. COLLINS
Editor, Boxing Blade

And that's what we are trying to do—make each succeeding issue better than the preceding one, not only the annual edition, but the regular weekly issue as well. In short, our aim is to progress; to keep on improving the Boxing Blade; to give our readers a better magazine every time we go to press.

We feel that we have succeeded in this endeavor thus far. We believe our success is reflected in the growth of the Blade since it was started a little more than three years ago.

The first Boxing Blade was published in November, 1919. Just 35 copies of that maiden issue were sold, and they were sold in only one city—Minneapolis. In the month of December, 1922, readers of the Blade numbered over a half million, and copies were circulated throughout the world. Today, there are more Boxing Blades sold and read in the city of New York than in any other single city on the Blade's circulation list. The Blade is for sale on news-stands in every important city in the United States and Canada, and its yearly subscribers are to be found in almost every country on the globe, including all of Europe, China, Australia, Philippines, Hawaii, Cuba, Mexico, Panama, and all over Central and South America.

The policy of the Boxing Blade from the start has been to at all times boost that which we consider is for the best interests of boxing, and oppose all things that in our opinion are in any way detrimental to the sport.

Our readers during 1922 know that we have had many stormy sessions in the past twelve months, at times with some of the biggest interests of the boxing game. When we thought the facts warranted it we did not hesitate to "call a spade a spade" and conscientiously to criticize any institution, faction or commission regardless of its size or connections, if we believed they were not for the best interests of the boxing game. And we believe that this policy of boosting what is good and denouncing what is bad for boxing, has helped us to firmly establish the Boxing Blade throughout the world.

The Boxing Blade has made good on its merits. The Blade will continue to make good and to fight any and all organizations, combinations or political influences that are a menace to the sport of boxing. It will continue to be an independent publication which is not and will not be pledged to an affiliation with anybody, or anything except that which is for the good of boxing. Particularly will the Blade refuse to be tied to any commission, institution or commission of political origin, makeup or activity. The Boxing Blade will at all times give its readers the news and facts without fear or favor. We are sure we have the support of the majority of readers of the Boxing Blade in this policy, as is evidenced by the letters we receive commending us for our stand on certain things with which we have taken issue because they were against the best interests of boxing.

In closing we will say that in this Annual Edition you have information, interesting reading and facts which make this issue worth keeping for reference and authority. But the following pages speak for themselves. Read on and you will be convinced.

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...s One of Oldest Sports Known to Man; ...istic Contests Were Held Over 2,000 Years Ago

...is one of the oldest ...s known to man. Fistic ...ntests were held in ancient ...e some 2,473 years ago.

The first boxing contests of record were held during the early Olympic games, 550 B. C. The ancient gladiators fought with the caestus and they fought to a finish, which was death.

The caestus was the original fighting glove. It was made of leather and iron with short iron spikes fixed on the knuckles of the hands. You can imagine the terrible punishment meted out with such cruel weapons.

No Footwork Allowed

The rules did not allow footwork—No backing up or side stepping. It was give and take, and he was considered a coward who tried to avoid a blow. The distance was to a finish, and the finish was death.

Theagenes of Thasos was considered the greatest fighter of ancient times. Theagenes was crowned with the wreath of victory 1,400 times. He was victorious in the tournaments of nine Nemaen games, ten Isthmian, three Pythian games and two Olympiads, and in addition to this the mighty Theagenes was victorious in the Pancratium in ten Isthmian games.

The Pancratium was the real prize fight and a horrible contest. It was a fight to death, without weapons. The winner always received a prize of some kind from the king or queen, or ruler of whatever country the game was played in. Sometimes the prize was a diamond belt, a pot of silver or a medal for the winner, and nothing but death for the loser.

Bare Knuckle Battles Next

These old games later were from time to time modified, and in the year of 1743 the first set of rules were made to box with bare knuckles. Prizes were always given the winner—the loser got a beating.

The first important bout with gloves under the Marquis of Queensberry rules of boxing was the bout between John L. Sullivan and James J. Corbett. Since that time rules have been both modified and improved.

HIGH SPOTS IN THE HISTORY OF BOXING

Thesus, son of Aegus, King of Athens, was the inventor of boxing some 2,473 years ago.

Systematic boxing began in England in 1740.

The first heavyweight champion was Jim Figg.

The first set of boxing rules were drawn by Jack Broughton in England August 10, 1743.

The first prize fight in America was in 1816 between Jacob Hyer and Tom Beasley.

Longest Fights—James Kelly and Jonathan Smith, 6 hrs., 15 min., near Melbourne, Australia, November, 1885; Mike Madden and Bill Graves, 185 rds., 6 hrs., 3 min., at Edenbridge, Eng., July 17, 1849; Mike Madden and Jack Grant, 140 rds., 5 hrs., 45 min., at Woking, Eng., Dec. 12, 1848; Dominick Bradley and S. S. Rankin, 152 rds., 2 hrs., 58 min., Port Abino, Canada, Aug. 1, 1857.

Longest bare knuckle fight in U. S. A.—J. Fitzpatrick and James O'Neill, 4 hrs., 20 min., Berwick, Me., Dec. 4, 1860.

Shortest Heavyweight Fight—Jack Dempsey knocked out Fred Fulton in 13 seconds, July 27, 1918, at Harrison, N. J.

Longest Glove Fights—A. Bowen vs. J. Burk... draw, 110 rds., 7 hrs., 19 min., New ...s, La., Apr. 6, 1893; W. Sheriff ("Prus-...") and J. Welch, 76 rds., 5 hrs., 3 min., Philadelphia, Apr. 30, 1884; Danny Needham and Patsy Kerrigan, draw, 100 rds., 6 hrs., 9 min., San Francisco, Feb. 27, 1890; Harry Sharpe knocked out Frank Crosby, 77 rds., 5 hrs., 8 min., Nameski, Ill., Feb. 2, 1892.

Shortest Glove Fights—Dal Hawkins knocked out Martin Flaherty, 4 seconds, Carson City, Nev., March 17, 1897; Battling Nelson knocked out Wm. Rossler, 2 seconds, Harvey, Ill., Apr. 5, 1902. Referee Malachy Hogan, who refereed both fights, made an affidavit that Nelson's knockout was the shortest of the two.

Largest Number of Rounds Ever Fought—Jack Jones beat Patsy Tunney, 276 rds., Cheshire, Eng., 1825.

Largest Stake Ever Fought for, Winner Take All—$22,500, Jack Couper and Wolf Bendoff, 27 rds., 1 hr., 27 min., Port Elizabeth, South Africa, July 29, 1889.

Shortest Bantamweight Championship of the World Fight—Terry McGovern defeated Pedlar ...ner (England) in 68 seconds, Tuckahoe, ...Sept. 12, 1899.

Amount Ever Received by Any ... Dempsey received $300,000 for ... Carpentier, who received $200,... ...nocked out Carpentier in the ... scheduled 12-round bout for ... total receipts were $1,623,...

...dance ever attending a bout ... weight championship bout ... it between Benny Leonard ... lightweight title at Jersey ...2. Gross receipts were ... received $114,832.87 and ...12. The bout went ... was given.

WORLD'S GREATEST RING MEN IN ALL CLASSES

CLEVEREST BOXERS

Heavyweight....James J. Corbett
Middleweight ....Mike Gibbons
Welterweight...Packy McFarland
Lightweight .....Joe Gans
Featherweight .....Young Griffo
Bantamweight .....George Dixon

TOUGHEST FIGHTERS

Heavyweight .....Tom Sharkey
Middleweight .....Mike O'Dowd
Welterweight .....Joe Grim
Lightweight .....Battling Nelson
Featherweight ....Oscar Gardner
Bantamweight ....Jimmie Barry

HARDEST HITTERS

Heavyweight .....Jack Dempsey
Middleweight ...Stanley Ketchell
Welterweight .....Joe Wolcott
Lightweight .....Benny Leonard
Featherweight ...Johnny Kilbane
Bantamweight ..Terry McGovern

TRICKIEST RING MEN

Heavyweight ...Bob Fitzsimmons
Middleweight .....Kid McCoy
Welterweight .....Jack Britton
Lightweight .....Young Corbett
Featherweight .....Abe Attell
Bantamweight ...Johnny Coulon

GREATEST ALL-AROUND FIGHTERS

Heavyweights — Jack Dempsey, John L. Sullivan, Bob Fitzsimmons.
Middleweights — Mike Gibbons, Stanley Ketchell, Tommy Ryan.
Welterweights — Packy McFarland, Jack Britton, Mysterious Billy Smith.
Lightweights—Benny Leonard, Ad Wolgast, Jack McAuliffe.
Featherweights—Johnny Kilbane, Terry McGovern, Abe Attell.
Bantamweights — Pete Herman, Johnny Ertle, Johnny Coulon.

HISTORIC MARQUIS OF QUEENSBERRY RULES

The Marquis of Queensberry rules, which have governed boxing matches all over the world for many years, were framed by the British peer of that title and Arthur Chambers, who fought for the lightweight championship in 1872. The Marquis of Queensberry was a great lover of boxing and in 1865 decided that fighting under London prize ring rules was rather brutal. With the assistance of Chambers, the Marquis drafted the rules, which have been the only ones recognized by all parties for over half a century. The object of the Queensberry rules was to eliminate all unnecessary brutality, which often occurred in fights under London prize ring rules, and to give men with science a chance.

Rule 1. To be a fair stand-up boxing match in a twenty-four foot ring, or as near that size as practicable.

Rule 2. No wrestling or hugging allowed.

Rule 3. The rounds to be of three minutes' duration, and one minute's time between rounds.

Rule 4. If either man fall through weakness or otherwise, he must get up unassisted, ten seconds to be allowed him to do so, the other man meanwhile to return to his corner, and when the fallen man is on his legs the round is to be resumed, and continued till the three minutes have expired. If one man fails to come to the scratch in the ten seconds allowed, it shall be in the power of the referee to give his award in favor of the other man.

Rule 5. A man hanging on the ropes in a helpless state, with his toes off the ground shall be considered down.

Rule 6. No seconds or any other person t... be allowed in the ring during the rounds.

Rule 7. Should the contest be stopped any unavoidable interference, the referee name the time and place as soon as ... finishing the contest; so that the ... be won and lost, unless the backe... men agree to draw the stakes.

Rule 8. The gloves to be fair-siz... gloves of the best quality and new.

Rule 9. Should a glove burst, or ... it must be replaced to the referee's ... tion.

Rule 10. A man on one knee is c... down, and if struck is entitled to the ...

Rule 11. No shoes or boots wi... allowed.

Rule 12. ...contest ... to ...

Mike Gibbons Tells How Fights Are Won by Use of Brain and Lost by Lack of Headwork in Pinches

St. Paul Phantom Gives Examples of How Heady Ring General Can Outwit Opponent and Snatch Victory From Defeat—Benny Leonard Victim of Jack Britton's Foxiness, But Lightweight Champion Saved His Title Against Lew Tendler by Quick Thinking in Tight Place—Psychology An Important Factor in Success or Failure of Boxer

BY MIKE GIBBONS
(The St. Paul Phantom)

Mike Gibbons, the St. Paul Phantom, is hailed by many boxing authorities as the most scientific boxer the ring has ever known. In addition to his great boxing ability, Gibbons is an expert critic and able writer on boxing matters. His articles, which appear regularly in the Boxing Blade, are highly interesting and informative to all followers of the ring sport.

HE lost his head and was knocked out."

This expression often is spoken or written regarding the abrupt termination of a boxing bout.

Mike Gibbons

It is true that many battles are lost because a boxer becomes excited and ceases to use his thinking apparatus when he gets in a tight place. In fact, I think one of the chief requisites for success in the ring and to get to the top of the boxing ladder, is coolness under fire and in a pinch.

There is a type of fighter who plans his battles in advance and is mighty dangerous so long as he is boxing according to the schedule he mapped out for himself, but who forgets all of his ring generalship and strategy the moment he has been stung with a few solid punches. Another type of boxer will lose his head if his opponent should make a sarcastic remark. Another type will be influenced by shouts from the crowd and may a[illegible]don winning tactics if the fans "razz" him.

How Corbett Beat McGovern

Countless cases of boxers being defeated through some of the above reasons can be given. For instance there was that historic battle between Terrible Terry McGovern and Young Corbett. Corbett taunted McGovern until the latter, in a blind r[illegible] in his[illegible]orgot all about boxing and [illegible]secenberg [illegible]ilate Corbett, who cool-cham[illegible]pionship[illegible]ild rushes with well-spite [illegible]lahis ag[illegible]-placed punches which the mi[illegible]wddles.

[illegible]ed Britto[illegible] old-timers used tricks Jack Br[illegible]ittat" of their opponents younger ma[illegible]outn their attention from can retire w[illegible]er[illegible]iand. I believe it was a wonderful [illegible]to used to get his op- [illegible] off the fight by telling him his shoe lace was untied and then sock him when he glanced down at his feet.

Few topnotch boxers nowadays would fall for such obvious tricks, but the fact remains that present day boxers employ methods of "talking him out of it" and have developed it to a fine art.

Britton "Foxed" Leonard

Benny Leonard, lightweight champion, is about as "cagey" a boxer as ever stepped through the ropes, but nevertheless he was made a victim of the wiles of that foxy old ring general, Jack Britton when he attempted to wrest the welterweight crown from Britton last year. Britton, according to reports, had the better of the bout up to the thirteenth round, and with only two more rounds to go was a cinch to cop the decision unless Leonard could knock him out or maul him enough in the last two rounds to overcome Britton's lead on points. In the thirteenth round, Britton went to the floor on one knee from a blow to the body.

The referee began to count but stopped when Britton claimed a foul, and at the same time raised his knee and hands from the floor. The rules say that a man isn't down and can't be counted out unless he is off his feet. When Britton raised his hands and his knee off the floor he wasn't down although he remained in a squatting position, and the referee couldn't count on him. Meanwhile Britton, who undoubtedly was hurt by the blow which felled him, kept talking to the referee claiming a foul as a stall for time to get his strength back.

While this was going on, Leonard didn't know what to do, and finally got so excited he walked around the referee to get at Britton when he saw the latter was not technically down. Benny started a punch at Britton and about the same time Jack rested his hand and knee on the floor again. When Leonard's blow landed Britton was "down." There was no question about this last blow being foul and the referee had to award the fight to Britton.

The above shows how a boxer who kept his head in a bad place got o[illegible] of it and at the same time cause[illegible] very smart boxer to lose his hea[illegible]

How Leonard Saved Title

Leonard himself probably saved his lightweight title when he used his head and also his "gift of gab" in a critical stage of his battle with Lew Tendler. In the eighth round of that bout Benny was badly shaken by one of Tendler's vicious lefts, but when he was a mark for another punch that would have ended it and deprived him of his title, he "kidded" Tendler about his lack of hitting ability and "talked him out of" following up his advantage.

I could cite many instances in my own experience where I have pulled out of a bad hole by keeping my brain working after getting into an unexpected situation. Probably the most notable were my bouts with Happy Littleton and Jeff Smith during my last year in the ring. In both these fights I was knocked down in the first round. I attribute my success in getting up and going 15 [illegible] 12 rounds respectively, winnin[illegible]m the decision, to the fact that the m[illegible] my head cleared from the eff[illegible] the knock down punch and [illegible]oze had still on the floor I planned t[illegible] prise my opponent when I g[illegible] I did this by "taking the play [illegible] from him." Instead of retrea[illegible] covering up or hanging on, as m[illegible] boxers do when hurt, I carried [illegible] fight to them. They did not expe[illegible] this and it so upset them they did no[illegible] recover from their surprise until I had fully recovered and was fighting stronger than ever.

Never Think of Losing

In closing I will say that an important part of the psychology of boxing is to never let the thought of losing enter your mind. If you go into the ring thinking of possible defeat you very likely will be beaten, in fact you beat yourself before you climb through the ropes. Never consider the possibility of losing. This doesn't mean that you should be overconfident. Overconfidence has probably licked as many boxers as lack of confidence. Always look on every fight as one which might prove tough, but be confident that you are going to win no matter how tough the going is. And confidence doesn't mean recklessness. Always give yo[illegible]ent credit for having [illegible]though don't show him [illegible] he has a chance, but [illegible] are prepared to [illegible] best he has

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...175 lbs.....Senega[illegible]
....Over 175....Manass[illegible]

Boxing Now International Sport of World-Wide Popularity; Fighting Men of All Races Are in Ring

Wonderful Progress Made in Promoting and Staging of Contests Since Old Days When Fights Were Held in Barns and Fans Underwent Many Hardships to See Matches—Now Enjoy Sport in Finest Arenas—Many Champions Dethroned in United States and Europe During 1922—Wills Only Real Contender for Jack Dempsey's Crown—Champions in Other Classes Will Have Plenty of Opposition in 1923.

BY TOM S. ANDREWS
(Noted Milwaukee Ring Critic)

Tom S. Andrews is one of the foremost boxing promoters and writer on boxing of the world. Mr. Andrews is head of the Milwaukee Arena which stages most of the big bouts in that city. He is a newspaper man of many years' experience and is considered by boxing authorities as one of the most interesting writers on ring affairs. Mr. Andrews has made three trips around the globe to study boxing conditions in foreign lands and he has probably a broader knowledge of the game in all parts of the world than any other writer.

MILWAUKEE—What a wonderful change in boxing conditions during the past thirty years!

There are thousands of boxing enthusiasts who can recall boxing matches, or "fights" as they termed them in those days, they attended when it was necessary to take a hack or any old vehicle available and ride miles into the country in the cold or otherwise and be huddled in some barn or dance hall, sometimes to be ousted later by the sheriff and his deputies. Those were what the fans termed the "good old days." Now they sit in opera chairs at the best theatres or auditoriums in the country and enjoy the sport the same as others enjoy an opera or drama at the theatre. How different!

Tom S. Andrews

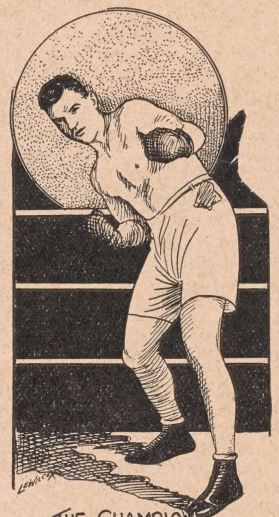
The year 1921 saw many changes in the boxing game, with big purses offered by promoters and record attendances at the matches, but there has been no let-up during 1922.

Not many years ago boxing was confined almost exclusively to the Yankees, Irish and English, with the German-Americans getting into it a bit later. Now we have all nationalities in the game, including the Greeks, Armenians, Portugese, Japs, Indians and even the Chinese. Two years ago I saw two Chinamen fight for the championship of China, the fight taking place in Australia. And now we have a Filipino holding the American championship in the flyweight class. France took to the game about fifteen year[illegible] boasts of several cha[illegible] in the past thre[illegible] game has taken [illegible] ...any, Italy, [illegible] ica, Belgium, Austria, and other countries. It is hard to down the boxing sport, even with the knocks and kicks it receives from many sources.

Champions Dethroned

One of the outstanding features of the game for 1922 has been the dethroning of so many champions, not only in America but in England, France and Australia as well.

The veteran Jack Britton lost his welterweight title to Mickey Walker in a decision battle. Britton had been ill and was making his comeback for the fall campaign, and despite his 37 years may make an effort to recapture the crown.



THE CHAMPION JACK DEMPSEY

Johnny Buff lost his double championship—American flyweight and world bantam—losing the former to Pancho Villa of Manila, a clever little Filipino, and his bantam to Joe Lynch, who had held it previously to losing to Pete Herman.

Dave Rosenberg, appointed middleweight champion by the New York Commission, lost to Mike O'Dowd, a former champion, but just the same the public recognized Johnny Wilson [illegible] New York as the legitimate cham[illegible]n of that class.

[illegible]inky Mitchell of Milwaukee became Junior welterweight champion through a voting contest promoted by Mike E. Collins, publisher of the Boxing Blade, Minneapolis, and must defend the same against all comers.

Johnny Dundee won the junior lightweight title at 130 pounds by beating Pepper Martin and others in an elimination tourney at the Garden, New York.

Jack Kid Wolfe won the junior featherweight title.

Johnny Kilbane still hangs on to the feather crown at 126 pounds, although he may lose it next spring if he meets Eugene Criqui, the French and European champion.

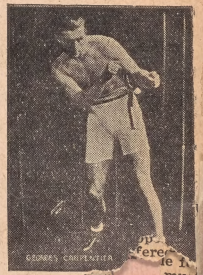
Benny Leonard is still cock of the walk among the lightweights.

No one has appeared to even give Jack Dempsey a chance to defend his heavyweight title.

British Titles Change

In England, Ernie Rice lost his lightweight title to Seaman Hall; Johnny Basham lost his welter and middle title to Ted Kid Lewis, former American welter champion, while Jack Bloomfield won the cruiserweight title. Joe Fox still holds the feather title, but Joe Higgins lost his bantam toppiece to Tommy Harrison. Joe Beckett retains the heavy crown and Jimmy Wilde the flyweight title.

In France, Maurice Bouzonnie lost his flyweight title to an almost unknown, M. Gleizes. Balzac lost his middleweight championship to Prunier and another new one, P. Brevier took the welterweight title. The up-set of all, however, was the defeat of Georges Carpentier by Battling Siki, a Senegalese, who also beat Marcel Nilles for the heavyweight title. Siki won in six round[illegible] was short-lived, as h[illegible] eral escapades and t[illegible] eration suspended [illegible] months and relieved h[illegible] On top of this Siki d[illegible] match had been "fran[illegible] had "double crossed"

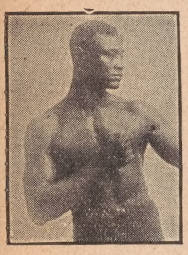


Georges Carpentier

matter was taken up by the Chamber of Deputies and the Federation. It proved a nasty affair and Carpentier and his manager, Francois Descamps, strenuously denied the charge. The matter was taken up by the Chamber of Deputies and the Federation. It proved a nasty affair and may hurt the game and France for a time, although efforts have been made to cleanse the atmosphere of the whole business. The Federation hopes to bring Carpentier and Siki together in another match for sweet charity and let the best man win. Carpentier insists that he acted in good faith and fought his best against Siki. It is hoped, for the good of the game, that Georges is right and that he has not marred his brilliant record as a military man and boxer.

Dempsey's Crown Looks Safe

The heavyweight division has improved very little. There is no one to oppose Jack Dempsey in a title outside of Harry Wills, colored. Jess Willard wants to make a comeback, but there are few who take the ex-champion seriously, and still he would no doubt put up a better battle against Dempsey than any of the younger challengers. Dempsey's match with Bill Brennan at Michigan City, Ind., Labor Day, did not material-



Harry Wills

ize, the governor putting an end to the affair. Joe Beckett of England is a challenger, but from the dope at hand, the Englishman would stand about as much chance as Carpentier did, and Georges had practically no look-in at all.

Harry Greb relieved Gene Tunney of his light heavyweight title, the latter having taken it from Battling Levinsky when the clever Hebrew was "all in." Greb, because of the illness of his wife, has not done much since then, but will defend his title soon after the new year sets in. Harry is after a meeting with either Carpentier or Joe Beckett of England. He also wants a crack at Floyd Johnson, the new heavy hope whom Jack Dempsey has been coaching.

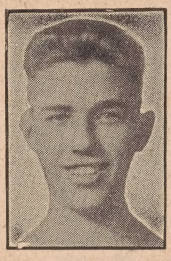
The middleweight class has many challengers for the title, but there is a mixup as to who is really champion. Johnny Wilson won it from Mike O'Dowd, but got into a squabble with the New York commission and the latter declared his title vacant, naming Dave Rosenberg of Brooklyn in his place. Then Mike O'Dowd beat Rosenberg and now Mike claims the championship again. Jeff Smith, despite his age, is about the best of the middles.

Britton Bows to Youth

Jack Britton finally fell before a younger man in his fourth bout for the welter title. Jack can retire with glory for he has been a wonderful boxer and held the crown many years. Mickey Walker, his successor, will have a harder row to hoe than Jack did. Dave Shade is his most dangerous rival.

The junior welter class, created by Mike Collins, is defended by Pinky Mitchell of Milwaukee and there are plenty of challengers.

Benny Leonard is monarch of the lightweight division. Lew Tendler gave him a scare when they met at Jersey City last summer, but Benjamin still carries the crown. Charlie White is another contender.



Pinkie Mitchell

Johnny Dundee, who is also a contender for Leonard's title, won the junior lightweight belt. Johnny is a veteran and a wonderful performer.

Johnny Kilbane refuses to give up his featherweight title, but he may take a chance next spring and meet Gene Criqui, the French contender. Sammy Mandell, Charlie Beecher, Frank Garcia, Ernie Goozeman, Irish Johnny Curtin, and Joey Sangor are all challengers for the title. The feather division has plenty of good timber.

It is the same with the bantams, where Joe Lynch holds sway. Little Pancho Villa, flyweight king, is a challenger for Lynch's crown, and from his performances in the states, he stands a good chance of copping.

Leonard and Tendler set a new attendance record for lightweights when they drew $364,548 at Jersey City, the biggest gate drawn in 1922. France came to the front with over a million francs for the Carpentier-Siki contest and London has turned out crowds several times of over $100,000.

Altogether it looks like a very prosperous season for boxing in 1923.

"Along the Road"

I walked a mile with Pleasure;
She chattered all the way,
But left me none the wiser
For all she had to say.

I walked a mile with Sorrow
And ne'er a word said she;
But oh, the things I learned from her
When Sorrow walked with me!

Poetic History of the Heavyweight Champio[n]2

When good King John L. ruled this land
He had a thing or two,
Till James J. Corbett took him down
In 1892.

When good King Corbett ruled this land
Five years he held the crown;
He was a cultured, handsome king,
Fitzsimmons put him down.

When King Fitzsimmons ruled this land
He packed some husky swats;
He was a lean and lanky man,
All covered up with spots.

Then James of Jeffries came along
From somewhere in the sticks,
And knocked good King Fitzsimmons cold
In 1906.

Then Thomas Burns horned in for his,
That's now fourteen years back;
It's seldom that you see a King
Get beaten by a Jack.

John Arthur Johnson was the lad
Who caused this great King's failure;
He chased him half way 'round the world
And whipped him in Austrailyer.

King James of Jeffries made a stab
To get the crown again;
He fell before the Big Smoke's jab
July 4, 1910.

Then came King Willard from the west,
As big as all outdoor,
And knocked what time and booze had left
Of Arthur through the floor.

King Willard was a goodly king,
He didn't care for coin.
He reigned a little while, and then
Jack Dempsey got his toin.

The Dempsey jaw was harder than
The Carpentierian fist;
A sadder and a wiser man
Went home to nurse his wrist.

John Sullivan was John the First,
John Johnson was John II—
And John the Third is one tough bird—
I'll say he is—won't you?

PRESENT WORLD'S CHAMPIONS

Name	Class	Weight	Where and When Born	Best Fighting Weight
Jimmie Wilde	Flyweight	112 lbs.	Pontypridd, W., 1892	108 lbs.
Joe Lynch	Bantamweight	118 lbs.	New York City, 1897	120 lbs.
Johnny Kilbane	Featherweight	126 lbs.	Cleveland, O., 1889	125 lbs.
Benny Leonard	Lightweight	135 lbs.	New York City, 1896	139 lbs.
Pinkie Mitchell	Jr. Welter	140 lbs.	Milwaukee, W., 1899	140 lbs.
Mickey Walker	Welterweight	147 lbs.	Elizabeth, N. J., 1901	147 lbs.
Johnny Wilson	Middleweight	160 lbs.	New York City, 1893	160 lbs.
Battling Siki	Light Heavy	175 lbs.	Senegal, Africa, 1897	175 lbs.
Jack Dempsey	Heavyweight	Over 175	Manassa, C[illegible], 1895	192 lbs.

Famous Rounds of Famous Ring Battles

DONNELLY-COOPER

The memorable struggle between Sir Dan Donnelly of Ireland, and Geo. Cooper, heavyweight champion of England on the Curragh of Kildare in Ireland 108 years ago, ended in the eleventh round—the Irishman winning by a knockout.

The bout inspired the following Irish song that is sung unto this day in Ireland:

On the Curragh of Kildare

Come all ye comrade Irishmen
And listen to me song,
And hould yer wisht and clinch yer fist,
For that won't take ye long,
While I a song unfold to ye,
Sung wid joyish Irish air,
It's about the Cooper-Dan Donelly fight,
On the Curragh of Kildare....

* * *

So here's to Dan, our noblest son,
No other need him dare,
For today he made the English run
On the Curragh of Kildare.

* * *

At the end of the third round there were cheers for Cooper as he looked like a sure winner. The Duchess of Argyle, an ardent supporter of the Irishman, going to his corner, said to him:

"Dan Donnelly, I have bet a fortune on you this day, and if you will fight as you can fight, you can have every dollar I win. I want you to go into the next round and whip Cooper to death. I know you can do it."

In the next round, in response to the appeal of the Duchess, Donnelly went at his opponent like a tiger and it was all over with the Englishman from that time on.

ROUND 11

DONNELLY came to the scratch looking fresh and strong. Cooper landed left to Donnelly's head, and clinched. Donnelly got his back to the ropes, grabbing Cooper by the neck with his left. The Irishman showered a dozen rights on Cooper's face and body. They broke and Donnelley landed left to body and right to jaw. Cooper fell like a dead man.

SULLIVAN-RYAN

John L. Sullivan and Paddy Ryan for heavyweight championship of America at Mississippi City, Miss., Feb. 7, 1882.

ROUND 8

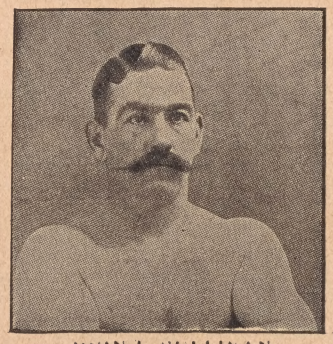
THEY had hardly got under way in the eighth round when Sullivan landed an awful punch to the champion's jaw, knocking him senseless. It did not seem possible that Ryan could respond for the ninth round, but he gamely came to center at call of time. Both tried, and then ran into a clinch. Sullivan was all the stronger and soon fought the champion to the ground. Ryan was all in. Nature asserted itself and he could go no further, so Johnny Roche threw up the sponge re-

MITCHELL-SULLIVAN

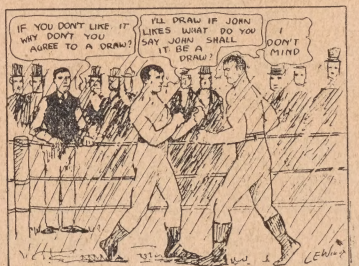
John L. Sullivan and Charley Mitchell for heavyweight championship of the world at Chantilly, France, March 10th, 1888. The bout was fought in the open in a downpour of rain, ending in a draw in the 39th round.

ROUND 39

MITCHELL next caught Sullivan on the jaw, adding in a friendly manner that it was not in the right place. Sullivan got his left bang on the chest, and was trying his right. They clinched and tugged for full three minutes. Mitchell got away. Both men went to their corners by tacit consent and were covered with their rugs, but the timekeeper reminded them that the round was not over, and they could begin whenever they liked. The men then faced each other on the driest piece of ground, but sparred ineffectually for several minutes. A bystander remarked that the fight had lasted three hours. "I'll make it last six," said Mitchell, with a touch of sarcasm,



JOHN L. SULLIVAN



"if I don't get knocked out." Mitchell was the first to recommence, but jumped back as Sullivan made a fresh onslaught.

Sullivan made his left on the mark, and after another clinch the men strolled to their corners, and accepted the attention of their seconds. On resuming hostilities, Mitchell feinted, and Sullivan jumped away, repeating the maneuver on a second and a third attempt by Mitchell. Sullivan trembled a good deal about the lower limbs, and showed unmistakable signs of fatigue. Sullivan's second, Phillips, here said, "How about a walk away, John?" and with a laugh Mitchell accepted the same invitation for himself. Strolling to the side of the ring, Mitchell remarked to a group of spectators, "It is very hard to get one in." On their coming together again and sparring, Mitchell was understood to express some impatience, and Ashton, who was standing near him, at once chimed in with "If you don't like it, why don't you agree to a drew?" Mitchell, still sparring, said, "I'll draw if John likes." Sullivan stepped back, either not to be taken unawares or to consider. Mitchell, then added, "What do you say, John? Shall it be a draw?" Sullivan replied, "I don't mind," whereupon Baldock said, "Then shake hands; it's a draw." Baldock then jumped into the ring, and patting them both on the shoulders, took their right hands.

The incident was effected so quickly that the spectators were astonished and altogether unprepared for this abrupt termination of the combat. Mitchell and Sullivan shook hands, and exchanging a few words in perfect good temper, parted. Time of last round was 34 minutes, 49¼ seconds.

The total time of the battle was 3 hours, 10 minutes, 55 seconds.

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CORBETT-SULLIVAN

John L. Sullivan and James J. Corbett for the heavyweight championship at New Orleans, La., September 2nd, 1892.

ROUND 21

SOME instructions from Billy Delaney after Corbett had made his talk, when resting, was responsible for Jim's coming to scratch meaning strict business. He began work rapidly and sent over a rain of lefts and rights. Sullivan clinched and tried to save himself, but Corbett would break away, and begin a new onslaught, against which the champ made feeble defense. Finally he threw the big fellow off and banged him in the jaw with his right and down Sullivan went. He managed to get to his feet, and at him again went Corbett. A well directed left to Sullivan's battered and bleeding nose, followed with a right to the jaw, and down the big fellow went. He struggled up again but went down immediately under a rain of blows. He was unable to arise. Human nature had been taxed to the limit, and the world's champion of an hour or so before had lost his title.

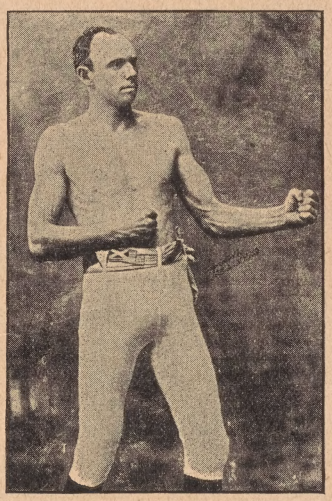
FITZSIMMONS-CORBETT

Bob Fitzsimmons and James J. Corbett for heavyweight championship of world at Carson City, Nevada, March 17, 1897.

ROUND 14

FITZ tried two leads but each time was stopped by Corbett's left. Then Fitz landed a right to the ear. Delaney shouted: "Look out, Jim." Corbett stepped in bringing his left back for a hook. As he did so Fitz shifted and drove his left to the body. The blow landed on what is now termed the "solar plexus." It brought Corbett to the floor and as he was going down Fitz landed another left to the chin and there were cries of "Foul." With his right knee touching the canvas and his left leg extended in the opposite direction Jim slowly bent over until the tip of his right hand rested on the floor. With his left hand he grasped his left side. His eyes widened and rolled. He did not have the power to move. Fitz stood over him until the referee pushed him back, the timekeepers tolling off the seconds. Corbett rallied and shuffled along on his knees grasping the top rope with his right hand. He made a brave attempt to bring himself to his feet but his knees seemed glued to the floor. He was counted out and Fitzsimmons was proclaimed heavyweight champion of the world. Just as the timekeeper shouted "Ten" Corbett raised his left hand in a mute protest about being counted out. Corbett's seconds all the while were shouting "foul" and jumped into the ring. Jack Stelzner and Roeber also tried to get through the ropes. Fitz not knowing the fight was over, hit Stelzner in the stomach and he dropped back out of the enclosure. When the fatal word "Out" was shouted Martin Julian wrapped a towel around his head and danced around in the exuberance of his feelings. Some one handed Fitz a small American flag and he waved it gleefully.

Two seconds after he was counted out Corbett got to his feet. His features were drawn and he looked desperate. He realized then that he had lost. He threw his hands high above his head and rushed over to where Fitz was standing near the ropes. The ring by this time was filled with excited people. Joe Corbett caught Jim by the arm but he pulled himself away. Corbett literally fell upon Fitz. He hit Bob and knocked him under the ropes. Corbett was dragged away



BOB FITZSIMMONS

and Fitz was pulled over to his corner and dumped into his chair. Jim made violent efforts to get at him the second time. Billy Delaney clung to Corbett's neck and others managed to hold the infuriated fighter at bay. Then Referee Siler made the announcement "Fitzsimmons wins."

Corbett sat in his corner weeping. "I am not whipped. I'm strong and full of fight. I'm ready to finish it. If he doesn't want to fight now I'll fight him this afternoon. Oh, this is tough, boys, to be counted out with a sneaking little punch like that when I was winning all the way," said Jim between sobs.

As soon as the ring was cleared Corbett and Fitzsimmons were brought together to shake hands. Corbett told the Cornishman that the victory was clean-cut and an honorable one but that he still felt he was the better man and asked Bob if he would give him another match.

"I will not fight again," said Fitz.

"You will have to," shouted Corbett. "If you don't I will get you in the street."

"If you do that I will kill you," replied Fitz and then the men left the ring.

McGOVERN-MURPHY

"Terrible Terry McGovern, former featherweight champion, and "Harlem" Tommy Murphy at Philadelphia, Oct. 18, 1905.

ROUND ONE

AT the sound of the gong Terry leaped out of his corner like a sprinter leaving his mark. He was two-thirds of the way across the ring when he met Murphy, and he gathered himself into a fighting position as he flew through the air.

Murphy drew down to his regular crouching pose, but that provided no defense. Terry opened a tigerish attack, ramming home a left jab with a sort of half swing full upon the stomach. Murphy doubled over still further and clinched.

Fast as a bee stings, Terry's terrible right pounded Murphy's short ribs again and again, forcing him to break the clinch and to run across the ring. Terry kept right after him, burying his right with a pile-driver's force in Murphy's abdomen, as the Harlem boy raised his guard to the face on a left feint.

Then Murphy got set in a corner and swung a left for the jaw as McGovern came tearing in. Terry ducked and in his hurry to retaliate swung wild. That gave Murphy his chance to get set again, and he landed a left hook to McGovern's jaw followed by a harmless right.

Terry only grinned and danced on his tiptoes as he gathered himself for another rip-snorting attack. Rattling Murphy with a left feint to the head, Terry shifted and shot in a straight right on the chin that dropped the Harlem boy flat on his back.

Every throat in the building let out a yell of joy, because the "little king of the ring" had proven he could come back. Hats of every description sailed into the ring.

Murphy was up in four seconds, but "Terrible Terry," poised for the attack, dropped him again with a left hook to the jaw and a straight right jolt.

Murphy came up two more times before Terry stabbed him in the body with his right and plastered a left hook on the jaw that sent him rolling along the ropes like a barrel, his eyes glazed, his arms hanging helpless. Terry was after him full of business, but Referee Jack McGuigan jumped between, pushed Terry away and yelled in his ear: "You win!"

Famous Rounds of Famous Ring Battles

GANS-HERMAN

Joe Gans, lightweight champion of the world, and Kid Herman of Chicago at Tonopa, Nev., Jan. 1st, 1907.

ROUND 8

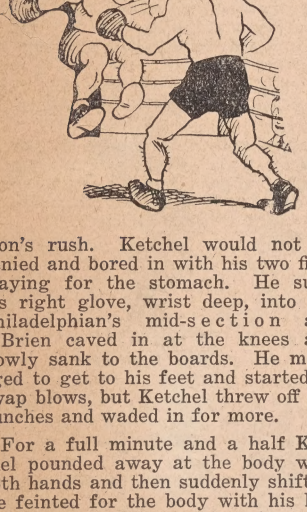
GANS shot three light lefts to Herman's face without a return and stepped back. Herman started to rush Gans and succeeded in landing a hard left hook to the body. Joe again stepped back. Herman started a right that never landed. The wily Gans shot out a one-two punch, both left and right landing square on the point of the chin. Herman dropped to the canvas as if shot and was counted out.

KETCHEL-O'BRIEN

Stanley Ketchel, middleweight champion, and Philadelphia Jack O'Brien at New York, March 26, 1909.

ROUND 10

KETCHEL could hardly be restrained in his corner and at the sound of the bell was off like a shot. O'Brien danced out with a smile and tried to sidestep the champion's rush. Ketchel would not be denied and bored in with his two fists slaying for the stomach. He sunk his right glove, wrist deep, into the Philadelphian's mid-section and O'Brien caved in at the knees and slowly sank to the boards. He managed to get to his feet and started to swap blows, but Ketchel threw off the punches and waded in for more.



For a full minute and a half Ketchel pounded away at the body with both hands and then suddenly shifted. He feinted for the body with his left and then sent it crashing into the stomach, bringing up his right to the jaw at the same time. Both blows were wicked ones. O'Brien fell on his face and lay still. At the count of six he managed to get to one knee and at eight was on both feet. He tottered about the ring and tried to clinch, but Ketchel shook him off. O'Brien staggered over to the ropes with Ketchel following him. Stanley slowly measured him with his left and then brought over his right. He swung the blow from his hip, packing every ounce of brawn and muscle behind it. it caught O'Brien flush on the point of the chin. In falling his head struck one of the sawdust boxes and he lay in a heap, doubled up on the canvas, without moving a muscle. The referee was over him in an instant, kneeling at his head and calling off the numbers close to his ear, at the same time waving his arm up and down at the expiration of every second. Just as he had counted nine the bell clanged, announcing the end of the round, but in the confusion of the moment it went unheeded.

Ketchel walked over to his fallen opponent and gently lifted him up in his arms and carried him over to his corner. The ring was soon filled with a half crazed mob anxious to shake the champion's hand and pat him on the back, and it took about five minutes rough work on the part of the Philadelphia police to clear the fighting space. The reception accorded the westerner as he crawled through the ropes brought a happy smile through the swollen lips.

JOHNSON-KETCHEL

On Oct. 16, 1909, at Colma, Calif., Jack Johnson (colored) defeated Stanley Ketchel in the twelfth round. Johnson outpointed Ketchel in the majority of the rounds, but Ketchel was always boring in, swinging right and left, with no great damage until the twelfth.

ROUND 12

JOHNSON stabbed Ketchel with two straight lefts. Ketchel stepped in, landing left to head, Johnson partly blocking it. Johnson stepped back as Ketchel started after him. Jack landed straight left to Stanley's face. Ketchel brushed it aside and at the same time swung a hard left from the floor, landing on the back part of Jack's jaw. Down he went on his back and rolled over, the referee counting four. When Jack got on his feet Ketchel tore after him wide open with right and left. Johnson stuck out a straight left and brought up a terrific right hand uppercut on the point of Stanley's chin. Kitchel dropped like dead and was counted out.

Johnson weighed 218, Ketchel 167.

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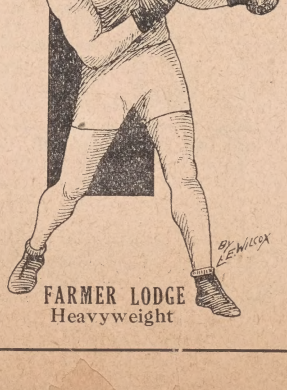

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MIKE GIBBONS-McALLISTER

Mike "Phantom" Gibbons and Bob McAllister at Madison Square Garden, New York, January 12, 1914.

In the early rounds the Californian, dancing in and around Gibbons, out phantomed the St. Paul crack, and pushed his light left hand against Mike's face so often that Gibbons must have thought there were at least a dozen gloves in the ring. Mind that those were the days when Mike Gibbons was as near to the middleweight championship as it is possible to be without getting vaccinated by the title.

MIKE GIBBONS

ROUND SEVEN

THE seventh canto was called. A short right uppercut to the point of McAllister's jaw started the trouble within twenty seconds. Then Mike bore in with a fusillade which ended only when another right uppercut to the jaw stretched McAllister on the canvas. He had already kept on his feet under a storm of punches which would have dropped many a boxer far more rugged than the Californian. Once Bob was in distress, Gibbons did not let up a minute, but used every punch on the pugilistic calendar that he knows. And Mike knows them all.

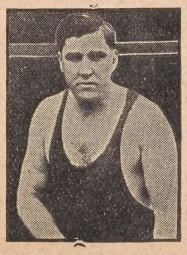
McAllister went down slowly to a sitting posture, and then slowly straightened out. He was out for fully twenty seconds. Yes, it was his first defeat, and first knockout.

DEMPSEY-WILLARD

Jess Willard-Jack Dempsey fight for heavyweight championship of the world at Toledo, Ohio, July 4, 1919.

ROUND ONE

WILLARD leads with his left which barely grazed Dempsey's nose. He follows up with another left and a right to the body, they clinch. Dempsey appears to be sizing up his giant opponent. Dempsey surprised the crowd by not tearing in. Willard leads again. Dempsey steps in and shoots a left and right for the head. One of the punches raised a lump on Willard's right eye. Willard now appeared nervous and realized that he was up against the real thing. He led with another left for the head, and Dempsey swings a right for the heart and lands a left on Willard's jaw. Willard dropped for the first time. He started to get up and at the count of three he was sitting up, half smiling. He took the full count of nine and when he got up Dempsey dropped him again, sending him to the canvas with a right to the jaw. He rose slowly to his feet at the count of six. The blood was pouring from his mouth, his right cheek was cut wide open. He turned away from Dempsey who landed on him again twice with his right. Willard falling on his hands and knees. When he arose, Dempsey crowded him into a corner and with a right to the body and a hard left to the face sent him to the floor again. He arose at the count of eight—Dempsey was on top of him with a fusillade of body blows and dropped him again. He takes the full count of nine and gets up hanging onto the second rope with his right hand, half stooped over. Dempsey lands on him again with right to the body and two hard lefts to the face and jaw. Willard's face is now a mass of blood. He drops for the sixth time and is counted out. Dempsey leaves the ring and is half way up the aisle to his dressing room when the referee informs Dempsey's seconds that the bell had rung before he had counted ten and the round was over before Willard was counted out. Dempsey was hurried back out of the crowd into the ring, for Round Two.



JESS WILLARD

ROUND TWO

DEMPSEY started a right for Willard's body. Willard blocked and snapped a left to Dempsey's face and a hard right uppercut to Jack's jaw. They fell into a clinch. Dempsey seemed hurt and hung on for twenty seconds. They broke and Dempsey landed left to Willard's badly cut face. Jack followed it up with rights and lefts to jaw and body almost at will. At the bell Willard walked wobbly to his corner and fell heavily into his chair. His right eye was completely closed and that side of his face was cut and swollen entirely out of shape, while Dempsey was unmarked.

ROUND THREE

WILLARD staggered about the ring and wobbled along the ropes entirely unable to defend himself. Blood bubbled from his mouth with every gasp for breath. Dempsey was trying hard for a knockout, landing with both right and left. The crowd is yelling to Referee Ricord to stop it. Just as the bell rang, Willard again fell into his chair. He spat out a tooth. His face and head was a mass of blood. Walter Monaghan, his chief second, talked earnestly to him. Willard nodded his head. Monaghan walked over and spoke to Referee Ricord. The referee walked over to Dempsey's corner and pulled Dempsey toward the center of the ring, holding his hand high in the air. Willard's seconds had thrown up the sponge. The fight has passed into history and Jack Dempsey is now heavyweight champion of the world.

DEMPSEY-MISKE

Third and final round of fight between Jack Dempsey, world's champion, and Billy Miske, St. Paul heavyweight, at Benton Harbor, Mich., Sept. 7th, 1920.

Dempsey knocked out Miske in the third round of a one-sided bout. In the second round, Jack knocked Billy down for the count of 5. He gasped as he arose but was like a baby in the champion's hands after that, and was driven around the ring without a return. The bell saved a second round knockout.

ROUND THREE

MISKE led with right to the head. Dempsey landed hard right to the body and stuck two stiff lefts in Billy's face. Miske landed light left to Dempsey's head. Like a flash, Dempsey swung a hard right to the body and almost at the same second hooked a left to the jaw. Miske dropped to the canvas, got on his hands and knees, turned his [illegible] rds. Dempsey. Referee Dougherty c[illegible] 2 ed nine, Billy got up, Jack snapped ds. wicked right to the point of Bill's 15 chin, knocking him down and out.

DEMPSEY-BRENNAN

Jack Dempsey-Bill Brennan fight at Madison Square Garden, New York City, Dec. 14, 1920.

ROUND 12

THEY danced around. Dem[illegible] jabbed with a left. Br[illegible] was short with a left jab. [illegible] at nan missed a left to the face Sec landed with a right to the jaw the crowd yelled. A clinch follo in which no blows were struck. D[illegible] sey jabbed Brennan's face wit[illegible] left, landing three times witho[illegible] turn. Finally Brennan jabbe[illegible] left to the face in a clinch. Dem[illegible] tried with right and left which Br[illegible] nan blocked. The men were separated and Dempsey landed a right which made Brennan bend almost double. Brennan sought to fall into a clinch, but the champion stepped back and quickly leaped in again, landing a left to the ribs which sent Brennan down on his hands and knees. The house was in an uproar. The champion stood back and the referee started to count. Just as the referee was finishing the count Brennan staggered to his feet in a neutral corner

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Dempsey leaped in to resume, but the referee waved him aside, Brennan had been counted out, 1 minute and 57 seconds after the start of the round.

DEMPSEY-CARPENTIER

Second round of the Dempsey-Carpentier bout, fully describing Carpentier's great chance to win world's title at Boyle's 30 Acres, Jersey City, July 2nd, 1921.

ROUND TWO

DEMPSEY wants to go to it and mix things. Carpentier keeps away and quickly shoots a beautiful right to the champion's jaw. Dempsey crouches with his left shoulder high over his face. Jack drives a right to the body and whips it to Carp's face, cutting the left cheek bone. The Frenchman steps back and carefully watches the champ. Carpentier cleverly lowers his hands and invites Dempsey to take advantage. Down goes the huddled up shoulder of Jack's. Bang! Carpentier lands a terrific right on Dempsey's jaw and knocked Jack staggering across the ring against the ropes. The crowd is in an uproar hollering for Carpentier to "finish him." Like a machine gun Georges sends rights and lefts to Jack's jaw. It is the sen-

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ageon of the fight. Carpentier nearly swa the championship in his grasp, punchempsey's iron jaw saved the day.
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Third and fourth rounds of the Dempsey-Carpentier fight, describing the knockout.

ROUND FOUR

THE blood is still trickling down Carpentier's chin as he walks to the center. Dempsey is right at him. He drives a left to the body and follows it with a right clip to the head. Georges is wobbling badly. The effect of the previous body blows is telling. Georges runs in close and grabs Dempsey to save himself from more of the terrific body blows. Dempsey scents victory. Carpentier is not hitting. They come together and their heads bump. Dempsey plays for the body with his left and then crashes his right to the Frenchman's jaw and he goes down with a thud. The blond gladiator curls over on his side and seems powerless to rise. Referee Ertle bends over him and starts to count. "Nine" and he slowly arises, a sorely battered warrior. The end comes. Dempsey shoots a hard right to the heart. Carpentier totters and Jack's right to the jaw finishes him. The idol of France crumples up as before and Ertle counts the fatal ten. The press wires at the ringside are sending the news: "Dempsey, the grizzly superman of the ring, retains his championship."

HERMAN-WILDE

Pete Herman-Jimmy Wilde fight at London, England, Jan. 13, 1921, when the British flyweight champion suffered his first knockout.

ROUND 17

WILDE led with a left to the head. Herman landed a left to the jaw, quickly followed by a succession of rights and lefts to the body. Wilde was trying to block them when Pete shot over a hard right to the jaw, sending Wilde through the ropes. He climbed back quickly, only to get another one on the jaw and again tumbled through the ropes. Jim crawled back into the ring. Herman landed with a right on Jimmie's jaw knocking him through the ropes for the third time. He got back in the ring but could barely stand up. Herman was ready to put over another deadly right when Referee Eugene Corri stepped in front of Wilde and caught him as he was about to fall and carried him to his corner. Wilde weighed 102 pounds and Herman 119½.

LEONARD-KANSAS

Eighth and last round of lightweight championship battle between Benny Leonard and Rocky Kansas at Michigan City, Ind., July 4, 1922.

ROUND 8

AS they came from their corners Leonard began the footwork and feinting which had baffled Kansas throughout the fight. Benny danced around drawing Rocky on, but leaving no openings for the challenger. As Kansas bored in, the champion jabbed him with his left to the head and face without a return and used short uppercuts to the chin. The short jolts to the jaw soon had Rocky in a bad way. A left and short right to the chin started Kansas going. As Rocky staggered into a corner Leonard showered him with lefts and rights to the head. Kansas tried to block them but seemed helpless. Then he wobbled over to his own corner and was on the verge of collapse as Benny sent in a right to the chin. Before he could repeat the blow, Rocky's manager, Dan Rogers, tossed in the sponge, which saved Kansas from a clean knockout. It lacked 13 seconds of the bell when the end came.

LEONARD-TENDLER

Eighth and twelfth round of Benny Leonard-Lew Tendler 12-round bout at Jersey City, July 27th, 1922.

ROUND 8

TENDLER jabbed with his right and crossed with his left. He landed two lefts to the jaw in a clinch. Both swung at long range. Leonard sent two hard rights to the body. Tendler hooked three hard rights to the head. The champion reeling with lefts and rights to the jaw. The champion hung on and talked to Tendler angrily. Tendler ran the champion around the ring, shouting to the referee that Leonard was holding. Leonard shot a left to the jaw. Tendler smiled at the champion and took a hard left upper cut to the jaw. Tendler pounded his left to the body and when, the bell rang Tendler asked, "How's that?" "That was nice work," replied Leonard.

ROUND TWELVE

LEONARD sunk a right to the stomach. Tendler rushed in, landing lefts to the jaw. He swung a hard left to the jaw and right to the head. Leonard landed wide rights and lefts. Leonard had the better of a vicious exchange at close quarters.

They danced around. Leonard landed short rights to the jaw, sent both hands to the body, and rushed Tendler to the ropes. Leonard missed a right uppercut and hooked two glancing rights to the jaw. Leonard sent two hard rights to the jaw. Leonard uppercut with right and left. They were fighting hard at the gong.

BRITTON-LEONARD

Benny Leonard and Jack Britton for welterweight title at the Veledrome in New York, June 26, 1922. Up to the time of the illegal foul blow Britton had all of the best of the fight.

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ROUND 13

BRITTON landed straight left to head. Leonard countered with left to body and missed a right to jaw. They clinched. Leonard landed two lefts to body, Britton partly blocking the punches and sticking his left into Benny's face. Leonard tried for body. Suddenly Britton went down on one knee and the referee started counting over him. Then Leonard stepped in and landed on Britton with left. Referee Patsey Haley awarded the fight to Britton on a foul as Leonard hit Britton when he was on one knee. Haley also said that it was his opinion that Leonard unintentionally fouled Britton.

MARTIN-BABE HERMAN

First and final round of surprising fight between Vincent "Pepper" Martin and Babe Herman at Madison Square Garden, New York, May 2, 1922.

ROUND ONE

HERMAN led off with a long left and missed. Herman danced around Martin landing three straight left and a one-two. Herman's footwork was so dazzling and flashy that there seemed no question of him winning easily. Suddenly Martin let loose a left hook that seemed to start from the floor. It just grazed Herman's chin. Herman tried to counter with a right swing, but missed. They both went into the ropes and as they were coming out of a brief clinch, Martin uncorked a long right that came from the floor and landed flush on Herman's jaw. Down went Herman, apparently stiff and out. His neck caught against the second rope while he was straightening out like a felled tree. Then he collapsed on the ring floor. He rolled over, but was up at the count of six and blindly tore into Martin. Martin feinted with his right, then shot a terrific left with all the force he had over on Herman's jaw. Herman dropped as if shot and was counted out.

DELANEY-KROHN

Sixth and final round of bout between Jim Delaney, St. Paul middleweight and Harry Krohn, Akron, Ohio, light heavyweight at Davenport, Iowa, October 27th. Delaney won by a technical knockout, it being the first time in Krohn's long career that he was ever stopped although he has boxed the best middleweights and light heavyweights in the country.

ROUND SIX

DELANEY landed with a straight left to the head closely followed by a hard right uppercut to the mouth. Krohn was groggy and staggered to the ropes. He swung a long right, missing Delaney fully two feet. Delaney countered with right and left hooks to jaw, then sent left to body and right and left to the jaw. Krohn was on the ropes helpless. Referee Packey McFarland grabbed Delaney and stopped the bout, Delaney winning by a technical knockout. Time, 37 seconds.

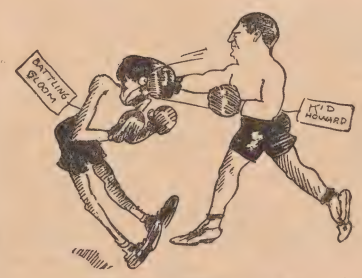
SIKI-CARPENTIER

Fifth and sixth rounds of fight between Georges Carpentier and Battling Siki at Paris, France, Sept. 24th, 1922, when the Senegalese Black Panther won the world's light heavyweight championship from the Idol of France by a knockout.

ROUND 6

CARPENTIER came out hardly able to stand. The spectators expected his second, Descamps, to throw in the sponge, as the Frenchman was unable to put up his hands.

A short uppercut sent Carpentier reeling backwards, and then the negro drove hard rights and lefts to the body. Carpentier crumbled to the floor halfway through the ropes, completely out, after one minute and 10 seconds of fighting.



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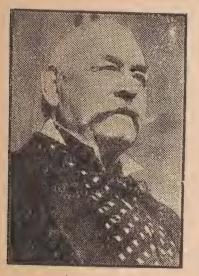
JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Born October 15, 1858, Boston, Mass. Height, 5 ft. 10½ in. Fighting weight 196 lbs. Heavyweight. Nationality, Irish-American. Color, white.



JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Sullivan's biggest fights were: Paddy Ryan, at Mississippi City, Feb. 7, 1882, London prize ring rules, bare knuckles, $5,000 a side and championship. Sullivan won in 9 rounds.

Charlie Mitchell, at Chantilly, France, March 10, 1888, bare knuckles, $2,500 a side and the championship, 39 rounds. Called a draw.

Jake Kilrain, at Richburg, Miss., July 8, 1889, $10,000 a side and championship, bare knuckles, 75 rounds. Sullivan won.

James J. Corbett, at New Orleans, Sept. 7, 1882, $25,000 purse and $10,000 a side, Marquis of Queensberry rules, five-ounce gloves, for the championship. Sullivan lost, 21 rounds.

			Rds.
1880			
Apr. 6—Joe Goss	Exb	Boston	3
June 28—George Rooks	K	Boston	2
Dec. 24—J. Donaldson	K	Cincinnati	10
1881			
Mar. 31—Steve Taylor	W	New York	2
May 16—John Flood	W	Yonkers	8
July 11—Fred Crossley	K	Philadelphia	1
—James Dalton	K	Chicago	4
—Jack Burns	K	Chicago	2
1882			
Feb. 7—Paddy Ryan	K	Mississippi City	9
Apr. 20—John McDermott	W	Rochester	3
July 4—Jimmy Elliott	K	New York	3
July 17—Tug Wilson	F to S*	New York	4
Dec. 28—Joe Coburn	Exb	New York	3
Failed to stop in four rounds.			
1883			
[illegible] 14—Charlie Mitchell	W	New York	3
—Herbert A. Slade	W	New York	3
1884			
14—Fred Robinson	W	Butte, Mont.	3
6—George M. Robinson	W	San Francisco	4
10—Alex Marx	K	Galveston	1
29—Dan Henry	K	Hot Springs	1
ay 1—Wm. Fleming	K	Memphis	1
May 2—Enos Phillips	W	Nashville	4
Nov. 10—John M. Laflin	W	New York	3
Nov. 17—Alf. Greenfield	W	New York	2
1885			
an. 12—Alf. Greenfield	W	Boston	4
an. 19—Paddy Ryan	S. B. P.*	New York	1
une 13—Jack Burke	W	Chicago	5
ug. 29—Dom. McCaffrey	W	Cincinnati	6
*Stopped by Police.			
1886			
pt. 18—Frank Herald	W	Allegheny	2
Pa. 13—Paddy Ryan	K	San Francisco	3
O'L 28—Duncan McDonald	D	Denver, Colo	4
slow			Rds.
aged 8—Patsy Cardiff	D	Minneapolis	6
swap			Rds.
punch —Charlie Mitchell	D	Chantilly, France	39
Fo sey			Rds.
chel " Kilrain	W	Richburg	75
ngs at			Rds.
ell. Car J. Corbett	Exb	San Francisco	4
Third im Corbett	K by	New Orleans	Rds. 21
Dempsey			Rds.
the kno Tom Sharkey	N. D.	New York	3

Sullivan began his ring career in 1878-9 at Boston, meeting "Cocky" Woods, Dan Dwyer, Tommy Chandler, Mike Ryan and Patsy Hogan.

After him ting in September, 1883, Sullivan made a tour of and fo nited States, lasting about nine months, offering head. to anyone whom he could not defeat in 4 rounds. effect that time he knocked out about 50 men. telling

JAMES J. CORBETT

Born Sept. 1, 1866, San Francisco, Cal. Height, 6 ft. 1 in. Weight, 187 lbs. Heavyweight. Color, white. Nationality, Irish-American.

Corbett's boxing career began in 1885 when he defeated Dave Eisenman for the amateur heavyweight championship of the Pacific Coast. Previous to this bout Corbett had made quite a reputation as an amateur boxer and was boxing instructor at a San Francisco athletic club. After winning the amateur title, Corbett met several professionals and defeated most of them including Duncan McDonald, Capt. J. H. Daly, Mike Brennan, John Donaldson, Martin Costello, Prof. William Miller and Frank Smith.

JIM CORBETT

			Rds.
1886			
—Billy Welch	L	San Francisco	4
—Billy Welch	K	San Francisco	1
1887			Rds
Aug. 27—Jack Burke	D	San Francisco	8
1888			Rds.
June 30—Frank Glover	D	San Francisco	3
1889			Rds.
May 30—Joe Choynski	S. B. P.*	Fairfax, Cal.	4
June 5—*Joe Choynski	W	Benecia, Cal.	28
July 15—Joe Choynski	W	San Francisco	4
July 29—Dave Campbell	D	Portland	10
*Bout, May 30th, stopped by police, continued June 5th.			
1890			Rds.
Feb. 18—Jake Kilrain	W	New Orleans	6
Mar. 20—Mike Donovan	Exb	New York	3
Apr. 14—Dom. McCaffrey	W	Brooklyn	4
1891			Rds.
May 21—Peter Jackson	D	San Francisco	61
June 26—John L. Sullivan	Exb	San Francisco	4
Aug. 5—Jim Hall	Exb	Chicago	4
Oct. 8—Ed. Kinney	W	Milwaukee	4
1892			Rds.
Feb. 16—Bill Spillings	W	New York	1
Feb. 16—Bob Caffrey	W	New York	1
Feb. 16—Joe Lannon	N. D.	New York	3
Sept. 7—John L. Sullivan	K*	New Orleans	21
*For World's Championship.			
1894			Rds.
Jan. 25—Charlie Mitchell	K	Jacksonville	3
Sept. 7—Peter Courtney	K	Orange, N. J.	6
1896			Rds.
June 24—Tom Sharkey	D	San Francisco	4
Dec. 14—Jim McVey	Exb	New York	3
1897			Rds
Mar. 17—Bob Fitzsimmons	K by	Carson City	14
1898			
Nov. 22—Tom Sharkey	L-F	New York	9
1900			Rds.
May 11—Jim Jeffries	K by	Coney Island	23
Aug. 30—Kid McCoy	K	New York	5
1903			Rds.
Aug. 14—Jim Jeffries	K by	San Francisco	10

Corbett's biggest fight and largest purse fought for was when he defeated John L. Sullivan at New Orleans on September 7, 1892, for a purse of $25,000 and $20,000 stake money; total $45,000; Marquis of Queensberry rules, five-ounce gloves, for the world's championship.

Boxing Champions Under the Modern Ring Rules

ROBERT FITZSIMMONS

Born June 4, 1862, Helsten, Cornwall, England. Height 5 ft. 11¾ in. Weight, 165 lbs. Heavyweight. Color, white. Nationality, Cornishman.

BOB FITZSIMMONS

Fitzsimmons made his first appearance at Timura, N. Z., at Jem Mace's tournament, 1880, at which he defeated four men, winning the amateur championship of New Zealand. In 1881 Bob entered the same place and beat five men in one night, among them the great Maori, Herbert Slade. Among other performances in Australia, which are not dated, winning all of them, are: Crawford, 3 rounds; Bill Slavin, 7 rounds; Starlight, 9 rounds; Arthur Cooper, 3 rounds; Jack Murphy, 8 rounds; Bismead, 2 rounds; Jack Greentree, 3 rounds; Dick Sandow, 4 rounds; Conway, 2 rounds; Prof. West, 1 round; Pablo Frank, 2 rounds; Jack Riddle, 4 rounds; Eager, 2 rounds.

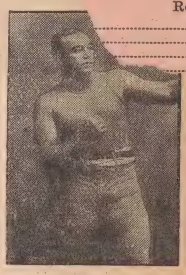
			Rds.
1889			
Dec. 17—Dick Ellis	W	Sydney, Aus.	3
1890			
Feb. 10—Jim Hall	L	Sydney, Aus.	4
May 29—Billy McCarthy	W	San Francisco	9
June 28—Arthur Upham	K	New Orleans	5
1891			
Jan. 14—Jack Dempsey	K	New Orleans	13
Apr. 28—Abe Congle	K	Chicago	2
May 1—Black Pearl	W	Minneapolis	4
1892			
Mar. 2—Peter Maher	W	New Orleans	12
Apr. 30—James Farrell	K	Newark	2
May 7—Joe Godfrey	K	Philadelphia	1
May 11—Jerry Slattery	K	New York	2
Sept. 3—Millard Zender	K	Anniston	1
1893			
Mar. 8—Jim Hall	K	New Orleans	4
Mar. 25—Phil. Mayo	K	Chicago	2
May 30—Jack Warner	K	Baltimore	1
Sept. 5—Jack Hickley	K	Newark	3
1894			
June 17—Joe Choynski	D	Boston	5
July 28—Frank Kellar	K	Buffalo	2
Sept. 26—Dan Creedon	K	New Orleans	2
1895			
Apr. 16—Al Allish	K	New York	3
1896			
Feb. 21—Peter Maher	K	Lantry, Texas	1
Feb. 29—Peter Maher	N D	New York	3
Dec. 2—Tom Sharkey	L-F	San Francisco	8
1897			
Mar. 17—James J. Corbett	K*	Carson City	14
*For World's Championship.			
1899			
June 9—Jim Jeffries	K by	Coney Island	11
Oct. 28—Jim Thorne	K	Chicago	1
1900			
Mar. 27—Jim Daly	K	Philadelphia	1
Apr. 30—Ed. Dunkhorst	K	Brooklyn	2
Aug. 10—Gus. Ruhlin	K	New York	6
Aug. 24—Tom Sharkey	K	Coney Island	2
1902			
July 25—Jim Jeffries	K by	San Francisco	8
1903			
Sept. 30—Con Coughlin	K	Philadelphia	1
Oct. 14—Joe Grimm	N D	Philadelphia	6
Nov. 25—Geo. Gardner	W	San Francisco	20
1904			
July 23—Phil J. O'Brien	N D	Philadelphia	6
1905			
Dec. 20—Jack O'Brien	K by	San Francisco	13
1907			
Mar. 7—Tony Ross	Exb	Newcastle, Pa.	4
July 17—Jack Johnson	K by	Philadelphia	2
1908			
Sept. 21—Jim Paul	K	Benson Mines	1
1909			
Dec. 27—Bill Lang	K by	Sydney, N. S. W.	12
1914			
Jan. 29—K. O. Sweeney	N D	Williamsport, Pa.	6

Largest purse Fitzsimmons ever fought for was on March 8, 1893, New Orleans, when he defeated Jim Hall in 4 rounds, purse $40,000. Bob received only part of the money.

JAMES J. JEFFRIES

Born April 15, 1875, Carroll, O. Height [illegible] Weight, 220 pounds. Heavyweight. Natio[illegible] American.

Jeffries was working at his trade of boilermaker in California when he took up boxing in 1896. He was a sparring partner for Jim Corbett when the champion was training to defend his title against Fitzsimmons. Jeffries' first recorded fight was in 1896 when he knocked out Dan Long in two rounds at San Francisco. In the following year he knocked out T. Van Bushkirk in two rounds and Henry Baker in 9 rounds, and fought 20-round draws with Gus Ruhlin and Joe Choynski.



JAS. J. JEFFRIES

			Rds.
1898			
Feb. 28—Joe Goddard	W	Los Angeles	4
Mar. 22—Peter Jackson	W	San Francisco	3
Apr. 22—Pete Everett	W	San Francisco	3
May 6—Tom Sharkey	W	San Francisco	20
Aug. 5—Bob Armstrong	W	New York	10
1899			
June 9—Bob Fitzsimmons	K*	Coney Island	11
Nov. 3—Tom Sharkey	W	Coney Island	25
*For World's Championship.			
1900			
Apr. 6—Jack Finnegan	K	Detroit	1
May 11—Jim Corbett	K	Coney Island	23
1901			
Sept. 17—Hank Griffin	W	Los Angeles	4
Sept. 24—Joe Kennedy	K	Los Angeles	2
Nov. 15—Gus Ruhlin	K	San Francisco	5
1902			
July 25—Bob Fitzsimmons	K	San Francisco	8
1903			
Aug. 14—Jim Corbett	K	San Francisco	10
Dec. 19—Jack Munroe	*	Butte, Mont.	4
*Failed to knock out Munroe in exhibition.			
1904			
Aug. 26—Jack Munroe	K	San Francisco	2
1910			
July 4—Jack Johnson	K by	Reno, Nev.	15

Jeffries' largest purse fought for was with Jack Johnson at Reno, Nev., July 4, 1910, $101,000; Jeffries received 40% ($40,400) for losing; a bonus of $10,000 and $66,666 for picture privileges; total, $117,066. Total gate receipts, $270,775; under auspices of Tex Rickard and Jack Gleason; referee, Tex Rickard.

TOMMY BURNS

(Noah Brusso)

Born June 17, 1881, Hanover, Canada. Height, 5 ft. [illegible] in. Weight, 185 pounds. Color, white. Nationality, French-Canadian.

Burns was willed the heavyweight title in 1906 by Jim Jeffries, who passed his championship over to Burns after Tommy had defeated Marvin Hart in 20 rounds at Los Angeles, Calif. Jeffries, who had retired undefeated in 1904 owing to lack of worthy opponents, refereed the Burns-Hart fight and gave Burns the decision and the title. Burns lost his title to Jack Johnson on Dec. 26, 1908, at Sydney, Australia, when police stopped the fight in the fourteenth round with Burns hopelessly beaten and on the verge of a knockout. Burns' ring career began in 1900 in which year he won from Dick Smith in ten rounds and knocked out the following: Fred Thornton, 5 rounds;

TOMMY BURNS

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Born Octo[illegible]rounds; Archie Steele, 2 rounds; Ed. Sholtionality, Iri[illegible] 10½ in. Fig[illegible] Billy Walsh, 6 rounds.

			Rds.
	[illegible]cCune	W	10
	[illegible]Smith	K	9
	[illegible] Phillips	K	9
	O'Donnell	K	8
	[illegible]e Schreck	L	10
	—Jim O'Brien	W	10
	—Dick Smith	K	2
	—Reddy Phillips	K	3
	—Harry Peppers	K	2
	—Tom McCune	K	7
	—Jimmy Duggan	K	9
	—Jack Hammond	K	3
	—Jack Butler	K	2
	—Jack O'Donnell	K	11
	—Billy Moore	D	10
1904			Rds.
	—Ben O'Grady	K	Chicago 5
	—George Shrosbee	K	Milwaukee 6
Feb. 27	—Mike Schreck	D	Detroit 2
Mar. 3	—Tony Caponi	D	Chicago 6
Mar.	—Tony Caponi	W	Chicago 6
	—Joe Wardinski	K	Salt Lake City 1
Aug. 20	—Cyclone Kelly	K	Tacoma 4
Sept. 16	—Billy Woods	D	Seattle 15
Oct. 7	—Jack O'Brien	L	Milwaukee 6
Dec.	—Indian Joe	K	Ballard, Wash. 6
1905			Rds.
Mar. 7	—Twin J. Sullivan	D	Tacoma 20
May 3	—Davey Barry	W	Tacoma 20
June 7	—Hugo Kelly	D	Detroit 10
July 28	—Hugo Kelly	D	Los Angeles 20
Aug. 31	—Dave Barry	K	San Francisco 20
Oct. 17	—Twin J. Sullivan	L	Los Angeles 20
1906			Rds.
Feb. 23	—Marvin Hart	W*	Los Angeles 20
Mar. 28	—Jim O'Brien	K	San Diego 1
Mar. 28	—Jim Walker	K	San Diego 1
Oct. 2	—Jim Flynn	K	Los Angeles 15
Nov. 28	—Phil. Jack O'Brien	D	Los Angeles 20

*Burns awarded title by Referee Jim Jeffries.

1907			Rds.
Jan. 10	—Joe Grimm	W	Philadelphia 3
May 8	—Phil. Jack O'Brien	W	Los Angeles 20
July 4	—Bill Squires	K	Colma, Cal. 1
Dec. 2	—Gunner Moir	K	London 10
1908			Rds.
Feb. 10	—Jack Palmer	K	London 4
Mar. 17	—Jem Roche	K	Dublin, Ireland 1
Apr. 18	—Jewey Smith	K	Paris, France 5
June 13	—Bill Squires	K	Paris, France 8
Aug. 24	—Bill Squires	K	Sydney, N. S. W. 13
Sept. 2	—Bill Lange	K	Melbourne, Australia 6
Dec. 26	—Jack Johnson	L*	Sydney, N. S. W. 14

*Stopped by police to save Burns from further punishment.

1910			Rds.
Apr. 11	—Bill Lange	W	Sydney, N. S. W. 20
1912			Rds.
Aug. 8	—Bill Rickard	W	Saskatoon, Canada 6
1913			Rds.
[illegible]8x. 2	—Arthur Pelkey	N D	Calgary, Alta. 6
[illegible]an. 4			Rds.
[illegible]an. 16	—Battling Brant	K	Taft, Cal. 4

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JACK JOHNSON

[illegible]S Born March 31, 1878, Galveston, Texas. Height, 6 ft. ½ in. Weight, 210 pounds. Nationality, American Negro. Johnson was a roustabout or stevedore on the docks at Galveston, Texas, before he became a fighter. It was the handling of heavy bales of cotton and other freightage that developed his powerful physique. Johnson's first recorded ring battle took place in 1899 when he was defeated in five rounds by a fighter called Klondike at Chicago. In 1901 he won from John Lee in 15 rounds and Jack McCormick in 7 rounds and knocked out Charley Brooks in 2 rounds, Horace Miles in 3 rounds, and George Lawler in ten rounds. He was knocked out in this year by Joe Choynski in 3 rounds and fought a 20-round draw with Klondike.

JACK JOHNSON

1902			Rds.
	—Bob White	W	15
	—Jim Scanlan	W	7
	—Peter Sverette	W	20
	—Frank Childs	W	12
	—George Gardner	W	20
[illegible]	—Fred Russell	W	[illegible] 8
	—Dan Murphy	K	10
	—Ed Johnson	K	[illegible]
	—Joe Kennedy	K	[illegible] 4
	—Joe Kennedy	K	4
	—Jack Jeffries	K	5
	—Klondike	K	13
	—Frank Childs	D	6
	—Billy Stift	D	10
	—Hank Griffen	D	20
	—Hank Griffen	D	15
	—Hank Griffin	L	20

1903			Rds.
Feb. 3	—Denver Ed Martin	W	Los Angeles 20
Feb. 27	—Sam McVey	W	Los Angeles 20
April 16	—Sandy Ferguson	W	Boston 10
May 11	—Joe Butler	K	Philadelphia [illegible]
July 31	—Sandy Ferguson	N D	Philadelphia [illegible]
Oct. 27	—Sam McVey	W	Los Angeles 20
Dec. 11	—Sandy Ferguson	W	Colma, Cal. 20
1904			Rds.
Feb. 16	—Black Bill	N D	Philadelphia 6
Apr. 22	—Sam McVey	K	San Francisco 20
June 2	—Frank Childs	W	Chicago 6
Oct. 18	—Denver Ed Martin	K	Los Angeles 2
1905			Rds.
Mar. 28	—Marvin Hart	L	San Francisco 2
Apr. 25	—Jim Jeffords	K	Philadelphia 4
May 3	—Black Bill	W	Philadelphia 4
May 9	—Walter Johnson	K	Philadelphia 5
May 9	—Joe Jeanette	N D	Philadelphia 6
June 26	—Jack Munroe	N D	Philadelphia 6
July 13	—Morris Harris	K	Philadelphia 3
July 13	—Black Bill	N D	Philadelphia 4
July 18	—Sandy Ferguson	W-F	Chelsea 7
July 24	—Joe Grimm	N D	Philadelphia 6
Nov. 25	—Joe Jeanette	L-F	Philadelphia 2
Dec. 1	—Young Peter Jackson	W	Baltimore 15
Dec. 2	—Joe Jeanette	N D	Philadelphia 3
1906			Rds.
Jan. 16	—Joe Jeanette	N D	New York 3
Mar. 15	—Joe Jeanette	W	Baltimore 15
Apr. 19	—Black Bill	K	Wilkesbarre 7
Apr. 26	—Sam Langford	W	Chelsea 15
June 18	—Charley Haghey	W	Gloucester 1
Sept. 20	—Joe Jeanette	N D	Philadelphia 6
Nov. 8	—Jim Jeffords	W	Lancaster, Pa. 6
Nov. 26	—Joe Jeanette	D	Portland, Me. 10
1907			Rds.
Feb. 19	—Peter Felix	K	Sydney, N. S. W. 1
Mar. 4	—Bill Lang	K	Melbourne 6
July 17	—Bob Fitzsimmons	K	Philadelphia 2
Aug. 28	—Kid Cutler	K	Reading, Pa. 1
Sept. 12	—Sailor Burke	W	Bridgeport 6
Nov. 22	—Jim Flynn	K	San Francisco 11
1908			Rds.
June 11	—Al McNamara	W	Plymouth 4
July 31	—Ben Taylor	K	Plymouth 3
Dec. 26	—Tommy Burns	W*	Sidney, N. S. W. 14

*Stopped by police. For World's Championship.

1909			Rds.
Mar. 10	—Victor MacLaghlen	W	Vancouver, B. C. 6
May 19	—Phil. Jack O'Brien	N D	Philadelphia 6
June 30	—Tony Ross	N D	Pittsburgh 6
Sept. 9	—Al Kaufman	N D	San Francisco 16
Oct. 16	—Stanley Ketchel	K	Colma, Cal. 12
1910			Rds.
July 4	—James J. Jeffries	K	Reno, Nev. 15
1912			Rds.
July 4	—Jim Flynn	W*	Las Vegas, N. M.

*Police stopped bout.

1913			Rds.
Nov. 28	—A. Spoul	K	Paris [illegible]
Dec. 19	—Jim Johnson	D	Paris 8

*Bout started as wrestling match but Johnson knocked Russian grappler out when he got too rough. Contest ended in row.

1915			Rds.
Apr. 5	—Jess Willard	K by	Havana, Cuba 26
Mar. 10	—Frank Crozier	W	Madrid, Spain 10
Mar. 25	—Arthur Gruhan	W	Madrid, Spain 10
1918			Rds.
Apr. 3	—Blink McCloskey		Madrid, Spain 4
1920			Rds.
Apr. 20	—Ray Neal	N D	Tiajuana, Mex. 4
Nov. 25	—Frank Owens	K	Leavenworth 6
Nov. 25	—Topeka J. Johnson	W	Leavenworth 6

Johnson's largest purse fought for was with James J. Jeffries at Reno, Nev., July 4, 1910, $101,000; Johnson received 60 per cent, $60,600; a bonus of $10,000 and $50,000 for picture privileges; total, $120,600. Total gate receipts, $270,775; under auspices of Tex Rickard and Jack Gleason; referee, Tex Rickard.

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JESS WILLARD

Born December 29, 1887, Pottawatomie County, Kansas. Height, 6 ft. 6 in. Reach, 83½ in. Weight, 230 pounds. Nationality, American.

Jess Willard

Willard was a cowboy and rancher in Kansas before he became a boxer. He began fighting in 1911 and his first recorded bout was a loss on a foul to Louis Fink in ten rounds at Sapulpa, Okla. In that same year he knocked out the following: Ed. Burke, 3 rounds; Louis Fink, 3 rounds; Al Mandeno, 4 rounds; Joe Cavanaugh, 11 rounds and Bill Shiller, 4 rounds. He also won two ten-round bouts from Frank Lyon and Mike Comisky.

1911		Rds.
Feb. 15—Louis Fink	L F	Sapulpa, Okla.	10
Mar. 7—Ed. Burke	K	El Reno, Okla.	3
Mar. 25—Louis Fink	K	Oklahoma City	3
Apr. 14—Al Mandeno	K	Oklahoma City	4
Apr. 29—Joe Cavanaugh	K	Oklahoma City	11
June 8—Bill Shiller	K	Oklahoma City	4
July 4—Frank Lyon	W	Elk City, Okla.	10
July 16—Mike Comisky	W	Hammand, Okla.	10
1912			Rds.
May 23—John Young	K	Ft. Wayne, Ind.	6
June 29—Frank Boxers	K	St. Charles, Ill.	3
July 2—John Young	K	So. Chicago, Ill.	5
July 29—Arthur Pelkey	N D	New York	10
Aug. 19—Luther McCarty	N D	New York	10
Dec. 2—Sailor White	K	Buffalo, N. Y.	1
Dec. 27—Soldier Kearns	K	New York	8
1913			Rds.
Jan. 22—Frank Bauer	K	Fort Wayne, Ind.	5
Mar. 5—Jack Leon	K	Fort Wayne, Ind.	4
May 20—Gunboat Smith	L	San Francisco	20
June 27—Charley Miller	D	San Francisco	4
July 4—Al Williams	W	Reno, Nev.	8
Aug. 22—"Bull" Young	K	Vernon, Cal.	11
Nov. 17—Geo. Rodel	N D	Milwaukee, Wis.	10
Nov. 24—Jack Reed	W	Ft. Wayne, Ind.	2
Dec. 3—Carl Morris	W	New York	10
Dec. 12—George Davis	K	Buffalo, N. Y.	2
Dec. 29—George Rodel	K	New Haven, Conn.	9
1914			Rds.
Mar. 27—Tom MacMahon	L	Youngstown, O.	12
Apr. 13—Dan Daily	K	Buffalo	9
Apr. 28—George Rodel	K	Atlanta, Ga.	6
1915			Rds.
Apr. 5—Jack Johnson	K*	Havana, Cuba	26
*For World's Championship.			
1916			Rds.
Mar. 25—Frank Moran	N D*	New York	10
Aug. 8—Soldier Kearns	Exb	Plattsburg	2
*Newspapers gave Willard decision.			
1918			Rds.
July 4—Jim Golden	Exb	Ft. Riley, Kan.	10
July 18—Tim Logan	Exb	Chester, Pa.	10
1919			Rds.
July 4—Jack Dempsey	K by	Toledo	2

The largest purse Willard received for fighting was $100,000 he got for bout with Dempsey.

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KEY TO ABBREVIATIONS

KO—Knocked out opponent. W—Won. L—Lost. D—Draw. ND—No decision. KO by—Knocked out by opponent. WF—Won on foul. LF—Lost on foul. TK—Technical Knockout, stopped by referee or seconds tossing sponge, or when boxer is unable to continue fighting although not counted out while down.

JACK DEMPSEY

(William Harrison Dempsey)
HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPION

Born June 24, 1895, Manassa, Colo. Weight, 192 lbs. Height 6 ft. 1½ in. Reach, 82 in. Nationality, Irish-Scotch-American.

JACK DEMPSEY

Dempsey began fighting in the ring in 1915. His first recorded bout was with Kid Hancock, whom he knocked out in one round. During the first two years of his ring career, 1915 and 1916, he scored a total of 18 knockouts. In addition to Hancock his kayo victims and the number of rounds they went were: Billy Murphy, 1; Chief Gordon, 6; Johnny Person, 7; Anamas Campbell, 3; Joe Lions, 9; Fred Woods, 4; George Copelin, 7; Andy Malloy, 3; Two Round Gillian, 1; Jack Downey, 2; Boston Bear Cat, 1; Battling Johnson, 1; George Christian, 1; Jack Kohen, 4; Joe Bonds, 10; Dan Ketchell, 5; Bob York, 4. In the same two years he won decisions in ten-round bouts with the following: Johnny Sudenberg, Terry Keller, Andre Anderson, Wild Burt Kenney, Jack Lester Johnson. He fought draws with Jack Downey, 4; Johnny Sudenberg, 10; Andy Malloy, 20. His only defeat in these years was by Jack Downey to whom he lost a decision in four rounds.

1917—Knockout—Al Norton, 1 rd.; Charley Miller, 1 rd.

Won—Willy Meehan, 4 rds.; Bob McAllister, 4 rds.; Gunboat Smith, 4 rds.; Carl Morris, 4 rds.

Draw—Willy Meehan, 4 rds..

Knockout by—Jim Flynn, 1 rd.

1918—Knockout—Homer Smith, 1 rd.; Jim Flynn, 1 rd.; Bill Brennan, 6 rds.; Bull Sadee, 1 rd.; Tom Riley, 1 rd.; Dan Ketcher, 2 rds.; Arthur Pelkey, 1 rd.; Kid McCarthy, 1 rd.; Bob Devere, 1 rd.; Porky Flynn, 1 rd.; Fred Fulton, 1 rd.; Terry Kellar, 5 rds.; Jack Moran, 1 rd.; Battling Levinsky, 3 rds.; Porky Flynn, 1 rd.; Carl Morris, 1 rd.; Gunboat Smith, 2 rds.

Won—(Foul)—Carl Morris, 6 rds.

Lost—Willy Meehan, 4 rds.

No Decision—Billy Miske, 10 rds.; Billy Miske, 6 rds.

1919			Rds.
Jan. 22—Big Jack Hickey	K	Harrisburg, Pa.	1
Jan. 23—Kid Harris	K	Reading, Pa.	1
Jan. 29—Kid Henry	K	Easton, Pa.	1
Feb. 13—Eddy Smith	K	Altoona, Pa.	1
Apr. 2—Tony Drake	K	New Haven	1
July 4—*Jess Willard	K	Toledo, O.	3

1920			Rds.
Sept. 6—Billy Miske	K	Benton Harbor	3
Dec. 14—Bill Brennan	K	New York	12

1921			Rds.
July 2—**Georges Carpentier	K	Jersey City	4

*For heavyweight championship of the world. Dempsey received $27,500; Willard, $100,000.

**For heavyweight championship of world. Dempsey received $300,000; Carpentier, $200,000.

BATTLING SIKI

(Louis Phal)
LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPION

Born September 16, 1897, St. Louis, Senegal, Africa. Height, 6 Feet, Weight, 175 Lbs. Nationality, French Negro

Siki won the world's light heavyweight championship by knocking out Georges Carpentier at Paris, France, last fall. Has been boxing three years. He took up boxing in the army during the world war through which he served as a sharpshooter in the French Colonial regiment from Senegal. In 1920 he scored four knockouts over Jean Andony, four rounds; Vic Marchand, 8; Westbrook, 7; Holtkemp, 3; and Nicol Simpson, 1. He fought four draws with M. Henry, ten rounds; M. Derenzy, 3; Lefoure, 10; and Berry, 15. He won from Rene Dvos in ten rounds and Jim Liggett, 10.

Battling Siki

1921			Rds.
Ahans	W.		10
Breitenstreiter	W.		15
Sjourwermen	W.		10
G. Spalla	W.		10
Jeff Depaus	W.		10
Harry Reeve	W.		15
G. Pioneer	W.		7
Barrick	W.		10
E. Balzac	W.		2
B. Marcot	W.		5
J. Leroi	K.		2
Paul Journee	W.		15

1922			Rds.
Rogiers	W.	Paris	12
Lenaers	(t.k.) W.	Strassburg	2
Rogiers	W.	Brussels	10
Vige	(t.k.) W.	Rotterdam	5
Piochelle	W.	Algiers	12
Al Baker	W.	Barcelona	12
Harry Reeves	W.	Amsterdam	10
Harry Reeves	N.D.	Antwerp	10
Marcelle Nilles	W.	Paris	15
Dressler	(t.k.) W.	Amsterdam	6
Harry Reeves	K.	Marseilles	6
Georges Carpentier	K.*	Paris	6

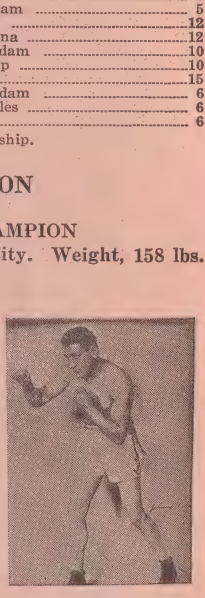
*For world's light heavyweight championship.

JOHNNY WILSON

(John Panica)
MIDDLEWEIGHT CHAMPION

Born March 23, 1893, New York City. Weight, 158 lbs. Nationality, Italian-American.

Wilson started his ring career in 1911 and his first bout of record was a knockout over George Cunningham in two rounds. In the following year, 1912, he scored 14 knockouts as follows: Red O'Keefe, 2 rounds (twice); Frankie Farley, 3; Frankie Young, 4; Young Kenny, 2; Jimmy Riley, 3; Frankie McGarry, 7; Charlie Kid Albert, 1; Tommy O'Keefe, 4; Willie Collins, 7; Eddie Smith, 2; Billy McGrave, 1; Red Cleary, 4; Young Sally, 1; In this year he fought no-decision bouts with the following: Al King, 4 rounds; Steve Callahan, 6; Dodo Maher, 6; Kid Bolt, 6; Joe Fox, 6; Heinie Ferino, 6; Freddy Gunther, 6; Charley Smith, 10. He lost one bout that year to Johnnie Kid Alberts in seven rounds.



Johnny Wilson

1913—Knockout—Freddie Walsh, 3 rds.; Mike Farrell, 1 rd.; Joe Marto, 6 rds.; Sailor Donahue, 2 rds.

No Decision—Young Victor, 6 rds.; Fighting Kennedy, 10 rds.;

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Young McCartney, 10 rds.; Battling Nelson, 10 rds.; Fighting Kennedy, 10 rds.

1914—Knockout—Walter McGirr, 4 rds.; Joe Fox, 3 rds.
Lost—Jimmy Fryer, 3 rds.
No Decision—Fighting Kennedy, 10 rds.; Jimmy Fryer, 10 rds.; Frank Carbone, 10 rds.
1915—Knockout—Red (Kid) Tucker, 1 rd.; Kid Broad, 5 rds.
Lost—Battling McFarland, 12 rds.
No Decision—K. O. Sweeney, 10 rds.; Chick Nelson, 10 rds.; Billy Bush, 10 rds.; Mike Mazie, 10 rds.; K. O. Sweeney, 10 rds.
1916—Knockout—Young Jasper, 2 rds.; Jack Donnelly, 8 rds.; Battling McFarland, 9 rds.; Roddy McDonald, 12 rds..
Won—K. O. Sweeney, 12 rds.; Johnny Mello, 8 rds.; Roddy McDonald, 12 rds.; Jack Savage, 12 rds.
Lost—Wild Bill Fleming, 12 rds.; Joe White, 10 rds.; Tommy Robson, 12 rds.; Silent Martin, 12 rds.
No Decision—Frankie Nattier, 12 rds.; Al Rogers, 12 rds.
1917—Knockout—Al Nelson, 1 rd.; Art Magirl, 3 rds.
Won—Jack Savage, 12 rds.; Carl Herz, 10 rds.; Victor Dahl, 12 rds.; Jack Savage (twice), 12 rds.
Lost—George Robinson, 12 rds.; Roddy McDonald, 15 rds.
Lost—(Foul)—Joe White, 4 rds.
No Decision—Al Nelson, 12 rds.
1918—Knockout—Victor Dahl, 1 rd.; Pinkie Crosby, 3 rds.
Won—Leo Houck, 12 rds.; Augie Ratner, 12 rds.
Lost—Leo Houck, 12 rds.
Lost—(Foul)—Frank Carbone, 3 rds.
1919—Knockout—Scotty Coyne, 3 rds.; Mathew Danielson, 1 rd.; Battling Carroll, 2 rds.; Cyclone Scott, 4 rds.; Young Jake Ahearn, 6 rds.; Young Jake Ahearn, 1 rd.
Won—Pat McCarthy, 10 rds.; Young Fisher, 12 rds.
Draw—Pat McCarthy, 10 rds.; Young Jake Ahearn, 12 rds.
No Decision—George Robinson, 12 rds.

1920		Rds.
Mar. 9—Billy Murray	K	Lynn 2
Apr. 7—Pal Reed	W	Boston 12
May 6—*Mike O'Dowd	W	Boston 12
July 1—Soldier Bartfield	N D	Newark 12
July 20—Young Fisher	N D	Syracuse 10
Aug. 2—Steve Choynski	K	Buffalo 5
Dec. 9—Geo. Robinson	N D	Montreal 10

* For Middleweight Title.

1921		Rds.
Jan. 17—George Chip	N D	Pittsburgh 10
Feb. 10—Navy Rostan	K	Kenosha, Wis. 2
Mar. 18—Mike O'Dowd	W	New York 15
May 25—Joe Chip	N D	Detroit 10
July 15—George Robinson	W	Boston 10
July 27—**Bryan Downey	W (F)	Cleveland 7
Sept. 5—Bryan Downey	N D	Jersey City 12

1922		Rds.
July 4—Al De Mars	K O	Ruthland, Vt. 4

MICKEY WALKER

(Michael Walker)

WELTERWEIGHT CHAMPION

Born Elizabeth, New Jersey, 1900. Height, 5 feet 7 inches. Weight, 147 lbs. Nationality, Irish-American.

Micky Walker

Mickey Walker who won the welterweight championship of the world from Jack Britton on a decision in 15 rounds at Madison Square Garden, New York City, rose to the top of pugilistic fame probably faster than any champion in the history of the ring. He had been boxing professionally only about two years when he won the title. Before 1922 his most notable bouts were as follows: Won over Dave Shade by a technical knockout in the eighth round when Shade suffered a broken arm. Knocked out Marcel Thomas, 5 rounds, and Harlem Ed Kelly, 4 rounds. Fought no decision bouts with Jack Britton, 12 rounds; Marty Summers, 12; Johnnie Summers, 12; Charlie Pitts, 12; Shamus O'Brien, 12; Jack Green, 12; and Nate Siegel, 10.

1922		Rds.
Soldier Bartfield	N.D.	Philadelphia 8
Johnny Griffiths	N.D.	Jersey City 12
George Ward	N.D.	Newark 12
Soldier Bartfield	N.D.	Philadelphia 8
Johnny Griffiths	K.	Boston 9
Soldier Bartfield	N.D.	Newark 12
Jack Palmer	L.F.	Philadelphia 5
Pal Reed	K.	Boston 4
Louis Bogash	L.	Boston 12
George Ward	N.D.	Newark 12
Jock Malone	L.	Boston 10
Archie Bird	K.	New York 8
Wildcat Nelson	L.F.	Long Branch, N. J. 2
Jack Britton	W.	New York 15

PINKIE MITCHELL

(Myron Mitchell)

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHT CHAMPION

Born 1899, Milwaukee, Wis. Height, 5 ft. 11 in. Weight, 135 lbs. Nationality, Irish-American.

Pinkey Mitchell

Pinkie Mitchell's first ring battle was in 1917 when he knocked out Joe Homeland in three rounds. In 1918 he fought four no-decision bouts as follows: Johnny Mendelsohn, 10 rounds; Clint Flynn, 10; Al Thomas, 10; Otto Wallace, 4. In the following year he scored knockouts over Otto Wallace in ten rounds and Charley McCarty in seven. He drew with Heinie Schuman in four rounds and George Engle in 12 rounds. No-decision bouts in 1919 were: Eddy Moy, 10 rounds; Johnny Noye, 10; Charley O'Connell, 10; Ever Hammer, 10; Mickey Donley, 10; Sailor Friedman, 10; Mel Coogan, 10; Mike Paulson, 10.

1920—Knockout—Johnny Noye, 4 rds.

No Decision—Cal Delaney, 10 rds.; Joe Welling, 10 rds.; Barney Adair, 10 rds.; Frankie Schoell, 10 rds.; Lew Tendler, 10 rds.; Rocky Kansas, 10 rds.; Jack Britton, 10 rds.; Clonie Tait, 10 rds.

1921		Rds.
Jan. 1—Dennis O'Keefe	N D	Milwaukee 10
Jan. 7—Willie Jackson	D	New York 15
Apr. 8—Irish Patsy Cline	N D	Milwaukee 10
Apr. 19—Cal Delaney	N D	Des Moines, Ia. 10
Aug. 5—Neal Allison	W (T K)	Duluth, Minn. 9
Aug. 29—Eddie Fitzsimmons	L	Boston 10
Sept. 30—Jack Josephs	N D	Minneapolis 10
Oct. 21—Tommy Neary	N D	Milwaukee 10

1922		Rds.
Mar. 2—Sid Barbarian	N.D.	Milwaukee 10
Apr. 7—Pal Moran	D.D.	Milwaukee 10
May 15—Frankie Welch	K.O.	Peoria 3
June 30—Bill Burns	K.O.	Peoria 5
July 27—Bill Burns	K.O.	Peoria 5
Aug. 11—Joe Jawson	N.D.	Milwaukee 10
Sept. 3—Johnny Tillman	N.D.	Madison 10
Sept. 11—Tommy O'Brien	N.D.	Milwaukee 10

BENNY LEONARD

(Benjamin Leinert)

LIGHTWEIGHT CHAMPION

Born April 7, 1896, New York. Weight, 135 lbs. Height, 5 ft. 5 in. Nationality, Hebrew-American.

BENNY LEONARD

Leonard began boxing professionally in 1912. During his first year he scored 13 knockouts as follows: Mickey Finnigan, 3 rounds; Young Stanley, 2; Joe Kane, 5; Billy Meyers, 1; Young Goldie, 5; Frankie Pas, 3; Smiling Kemp, 1; Young Price, 5; Young Goldie, 5; Kid Ghetto, 6; Young McGowan, 5; Willy Singer, 1; and Paddy Parker, 2. His no decision bouts that year were with Johnny Falter, 4; Battling Travis, 6 (twice); Young Gross, 6; Kid Goodman, 6; Young Marino, 6; Kid Herman, 10; Special Delivery Hirsch, 10; and Jimmy McVeigh, 6. He was knocked out by Joe Shugrue in four rounds.

1913—Knockout—John Carroll, 1 round; Walter Hennessy, 3; Ah Chung, 6. No decision—Young Lustig, 10; Eddy Powers, 10; Eddy Powers, 6; Dave Cronin, 10; Walter Brooks, 10; Franky Fleming, 10; Tommy Houck, 10; Young Fitzsimmons, 10; Willy Jones, 10; Jack Sheppard, 10; Harry Tracey, 10; Danny Ridge, 10; Special Delivery Hirsch, 10. Knockout by—Frankey Fleming, 5.

1914—Knockout—Tommy Houck, 7 rounds. No decision—Charley Barry, 10; Kid Black, 10; Phil Bloom, 10; Joe Stacey, 10; Patsy Klein, 10; Young Brown, 10; Willy Schaefer, 10; Terry Hubbs, 10; Billy Kraemer, 10; Bobby Reynolds, 10; Eddy Wallace, 10; Pal Moore, 10; Joe Thomas, 10; Phil Bloom, 10; Young Driscoll, 10; Harry Condon, 10; Phil Bloom, 10; Franky Conifrey, 10.

1915—Knockout—Jack Shepperd, 4 rounds; Al Schumacher, 7; Gene Moriarity, 3; Joe Mandot, 7. No decision—Johnny Drummie, 10; Tommy Langdon, 6; Patsy Cline, 10; Johnny Dundee, 10; Jimmy

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Duffy, 10; Joe Goldberg, 10; Johnny Kilbane, 10; Franky Callahan, 10; Young Drummie, 10; Al Thomas, 10; Joe Azevedo, 10.

1916—Knockout—Joe Welsh, 5 rounds; Phil Bloom, 8; Jimmy Murphy, 6; Shamus O'Brien, 6; Eddy McAndrews, 5; Ever Hammer, 12; Harry Thorpe, 12. Won—*Franky Conifrey, 6. No decision—Shamus O'Brien, 10; Rocky Kansas, 10; Johnny Dundee, 10; Sam Robideau, 10; Freddy Welsh, 10; Charley Thomas, 6; Phil Bloom, 10; Johnny Dundee, 10; Vic Moran, 10; Freddy Welsh, 10; Joe Azevedo, 10; Johnny Tillman, 6; Johnny Nelson, 6; Stanley Yoakum, 10; Banty Sharpe, 10; Johnny Dundee, 6; Chick Simler, 10.

*Referee stopped fight.

1917—Knockout—Packey Hommey, 9 rounds; Richie Mitchell, 7; Charley Kid Thomas, 6; Eddy Shannon, 6; Freddy Welsh (Leonard wins lightweight title), 9; Johnny Nelson, 3; Johnny Kilbane, 3; Young Rector, 5; Leo Johnson, 1; Eddy Dorsey, 2; Vic Moran, 2; Toughey Ramser, 7; Sailor Kirke, 1; Gene Delmont, 8; Chick Brown, 5. Won—Phil Bloom (Bloom broke his ankle), 2. No decision—Eddy Wallace, 6; Phil Bloom, 10; Franky Callahan, 10; Johnny Regan, 10; Johnny Tillman, 6; Joe Welsh, 6; Jack Britton, 10; Eddy Wagond, 6; Young Erne, 6; Patsy Cline, 6; Fred Kelley, 6.

1918—Knockout—Jack Brazzo, 4 rounds; Jack Brazzo, 8; Young Gradwell, 5. Won—Mike Golindo, 4. No decision—Young Joe Borrell, 6; Johnny McCarthy, 4; Louie Rees, 4; Barney Adair, 4; Jack Britton, 6; Harry Pierce, 6; Ted Lewis, 8.

1919—Knockout—Wildcat Leonard, 4 rounds; Willy Ritchie, 8; Young Erne, 6; Joe Malone, 3; **Charley Metrie, 7; Jimmy Duffy, 2;** Mel Coogan, 2; Red Herring, 6. Won—Joe Benjamin, 4. No decision—Paul Doyle, 6; Eddy Kelly, 6; Johnny Dundee, 8; Spider Roche, 4; Willy Ritchie, 4; Harvey Thorpe, 10; Charlie Pitts, 10; Johnny Dundee, 6; Patsy Cline, 6; Soldier Bartfield, 6; Johnny Clinton, 10; Johnny Dundee, 8; Phil Bloom, 10; Soldier Bartfield, 8; Soldier Bartfield, 6; Jake Abel, 10.

1920—Knockout—Charley White, 9 rounds; K. O. Loughlin, 9; Frankie Britt, 5; Johnny Sheppard, 3; Eddy Kelly, 5; Joe Welling, 14. Won—Johnny Tillman, 10. No decision—Johnny Dundee, 8; Pal Moran, 10; K. O. Loughlin, 10.

1921—Rich. Mitchell, W (TK), New York, 6 rounds; Eddie Moy, K, Dayton, O., 3; Joe Welling, no decision, St. Louis, 8; Rocky Kansas, no decision, Harrison, N. J., 12; Sailor Friedman, no decision, Philadelphia, 8; George Ward, won, New York, 6; Tim Droney, no decision, Philadelphia, 8.

1922—Rocky Kansas, *won, 8 rounds; Lew Tendler, **no decision, 12; Ever Hammer, ***no decision, 10; Jack Britton, lost (foul), 13.

*Won by technical knockout.
**Leonard awarded popular decision by newspapers.
***Leonard had best of fight.

JOHNNY KILBANE

FEATHERWEIGHT CHAMPION

Born April 18, 1889, Cleveland, O. Height, 5 ft. 5 in. Weight, 122-126 lbs. Nationality, Irish-American.

Johnny Kilbane

Kilbane started his ring career in 1907. In that year he knocked out Kid Campbell in six rounds and won from Kid Mangan in three rounds and Tommy Burns in three. In 1908 and 1909 he knocked out Herman Zahinger in nine rounds; Mike Bartley in five, and Jeff Gaffney in five. His wins in those two years were over Paul Koehler in six rounds; Young Saylor, 10; Tommy Kilbane, 25; Clyde LeMaster, 6; Johnny Whittaker, 12; Clyde LeMaster, 8; and Matty Heffron, 8. He won on a foul from Biz Mackey in five rounds. Draws were had with Tommy Kilbane, 10; and Jack White, 10 and 12. He had no decision bouts with Tommy Lynch, 10; Paul Koehler, 6; Battling Terry, 10; Young Joe Grimm, 10; Happy Davis, 6; and Cleyce Yeagre, 10.

1910—Knockout—Kid Tyler, 3 rounds. Won—Tommy Kilbane, 15; Bobby Tickle, 10; Al Delmont, 10. Lost—Abe Attell, 10. No decision—Tommy Dougherty, 8; Jack White, 8; Patsy Brannigan, 12; Benny Kaufman, 6; Benny Kaufman, 12. Exhibition—Sam Langford, 3. Police—Biz Mackey, 6.

1911—Knockout—Joe Rivers, 16 rounds. Won—Gussie Wilson, 10; Jack White, 12; Jimmy Albanese, 10; Young Ghetto, 10; Patsy Kline, 20; Franky Conley, 20. Draw—Monte Attell, 10. Lost—Joe Rivers, 20. No decision—Patsy Brannigan, 12; Tommy O'Toole, 6; Tommy Bresnahan, 10; Jimmy Walsh, 12; Patsy Brannigan, 10; Charley White, 12.

1912—Knockout—Tommy McGinty, 4 rounds. Won—Abe Attell, 20; Jack Moore, 10; Eddy O'Keefe, 12. Draw—Jimmy Walsh, 12. No decision—Franky Burns, 10; Tommy O'Toole, 6; Tommy Dixon, 12; Johnny Dundee, 10; Eddy O'Keefe, 10; Johnny Albanese, 10; Tommy Dixon (Dixon was nearly out in eighth), 8. Police—Monte Attell, 8.

1913—Knockout—Oliver Kirk, 2 rounds; George Kirkwood, 6; Jimmy Fox, 6; Knockout Mars, 7; Eddy O'Keefe, 1. Won—Jimmy Walsh, 12. Draw—Johnny Dundee (for title; Charles Eyton referee), 20. No decision—Young Driscoll, 10; Joe Goldberg, 10; Kid Julian, 10.

1914—Knockout—Eddy Moy, 5 rounds; Benny Chavez, 2. Won—Gene Delmont, 8. Draw—Joe Mandot, 12. No decision—Eddy Moy, 6; Kid Thomas, 6; Tommy Bresnahan, 10; Franky Dailey, 6; Willy Houck, 6.

1915—No decision—Patsy Brannigan, 6 rounds; Franky Dailey, 10; Eddy Morgan, 6; Young Kansas, 10; Eddy Morgan, 6; Kid Williams, 6; Eddy Wallace, 10; Benny Leonard, 10; Mel Coogan, 10; Alvie Miller, 12; Richie Mitchell, 10; Cal Delaney, 12; Bobby Reynolds, 6; Packey Hommey, 10; Patsy Brannigan, 10.

1916—Knockout—Patsy Cline, 2 rounds; Willy Jackson, 5; *George Chaney, 3. Won—Johnny Creeley, 10. No decision—Richie Mitchell, 10; Franky Conifrey, 6; Packey Hommey, 6; Johnny Ray, 6; Harry Donahue, 10; Eddy Wallace, 10; Johnny O'Leary, 10; Alvie Miller, 12.

*For featherweight title.

1917—Knockout—Young Drummie, 10 rounds. Draw—Eddy Wallace, 12. No decision—Johnny Ray, 6; Rocky Kansas, 10; Tim Droney, 6; Eddy Shannon, 6; Matt Brock, 10; Freddy Welsh, 10; Frankie Fleming, 10. Knockout by—Benny Leonard, 3.

1919—Knockout—Johnny Mealey, 2 rounds; Johnny Mahoney, 6; Franky Burns, 5. No decision—Franky Brown, 6; Artie O'Leary, 6; Jack Lawler, 10; Ralph Brady, 10; Joey Fox, 6; Eddy Morgan, 6; Young Chaney, 8.

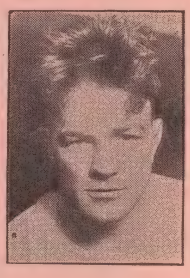
1920—Knockout—Alvie Miller, 7 rounds. No decision—Al Shubert, 6; Johnny Murray, 6; Benny Valgar, 8; Harry Brown, 6; Young Andy Chaney, 8; Artie Root, 10.

1921—Freddie Jack, no decision, Cleveland, 10 rounds; Danny Frush, K, Cleveland, 7.

JOE LYNCH

BANTAMWEIGHT CHAMPION

Born 1897, at New York. Weight, 118-120 lbs. Height, 5 ft. 7½ in. Nationality, Irish-American.



Joe Lynch

Lynch began fighting in 1916. His first recorded bout was a ten-round no decision contest with Johnny Ertle. In 1917 he scored knockouts over Young Marino, three rounds; Eddy O'Keefe, 4; and Willy Astey, 6. The same year he won from One-Punch Hogan in 15 rounds; Terry Martin, 12; and Memphis Pal Moore, 12 (twice). During that year he boxed no decision bouts with Jack Sharkey, 10 rounds; Kid Williams, 10; Dutch Brandt, 10; Franky Burns, 10; Pete Herman, 10; Willy Astey, 10; Franky Daley, 10 (twice); and Joe Leonard, 10.

1918—Knockout—Andy Burns, 3 rounds; Kid Williams, 4; George Kirkwood, 3; Benny McNeill, 5. Won—Dick Loadman, 12. No decision—Benny Valger, 6; Joe Tuber, 6; Eddy Wimler, 6; Franky Burns, 6; Jack (Kid) Wolfe, 10; Willy Devore, 10; Young Farina, 4; Dick Loadman, 4. Lost—Pal Moore, 12; Jimmy Wilde, 3.

1919—Knockout—Bobby Joseph, 12 rounds; Dick Griffith, 2. Won—Tommy Noble, 20. Draw—Jabez White, 12; Franky Mason, 12. Lost—Jimmy Wilde, 15. No decision—Joe O'Donnell, 6; Mickey Delmont, 8; Charley Beecher, 8; Pete Herman, 10; Patsy Johnson, 8; Joe Burman, 6; Joe Burman, 6; Kid Wolfe, 10; Pete Herman, 6; Jack Kid Wolfe, 6; Joie Fox, 8.

1920—Knockout—Eddie Segal, 3 rounds; Eddie Segal, 3; Abe Goldstein, 11; Jack Sharkey, 15. Won—Billy Fitzsimmons, 12; *Pete Herman, 15. Draw—Jack Sharkey, 15; Jabez White, 15. No decision—Louisiana, 6; Jack Wolfe, 10; Hugh Hutchinson, 6; Pete McDonald, 6; Sammy Waltz, 10; Pal Moore, 12; Joe O'Donnell, 8; Charley Ledoux, 12; Pal Moore, 8; Jabez White, 8.

*Lynch wins bantam title.

1921—Jabez White, D, St. Louis, 8 rounds; Jabez White, no decision, Philadelphia, 8; Young Montreal, no decision, Detroit, 10; Joe Burman, no decision, Cleveland, 10; Young Pinchott, no decision, Pittsburgh, 10; Young Montreal, no decision, Cleveland, 10; Pal Moore, no decision, Louisville, Ky., 12; Sammy Sandow, K, New York, 1; Joe Burman, no decision, E. Chicago, Ind., 10; *Pete Herman, lost, Brooklyn, 15; Phil O'Dowd, lost, New York, 12.

*Herman regained title lost to Lynch.

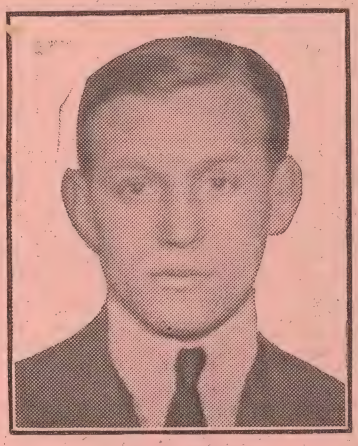
1922—Al Walker, K, New York, 1 round; Patsy Wallace, no decision, Philadelphia, 8; Patsy Johnson, K, Syracuse, 6; Terry Martin, won, Providence, R. I., 12; Harry Martin, won, New York, 12; Terry Martin, lost, Boston, 10; Jimmy Mendo, no decision, Philadelphia, 8; Midget Smith, won, New York, 12; Johnny Buff, K, New York, 14; Frankie Murray, K, Shreveport, La., 6; Ben Levy, K, Ft. Worth, ex. 4; Eddie Macey, D, San Francisco, 4; Pal Moore, no decision, Michigan City, Ind., 10; Jack Wolfe, L, New York, 15; Bennie Schwartz, K, Springfield, O., 5; Frankey Daley, no decision, Indianapolis, 10; Joey Sangor, no decision, Milwaukee, 10.

Complete Records of the Present Worlds Champions

JIMMY WILDE

FLYWEIGHT CHAMPION

Born May, 1892, Pontypridd, Wales. Height, 5 ft. 2½ in. Weight, 108 lbs. Nationality, British.



Jimmy Wilde

Bouts previous to 1914—Knockout—Matt Wells, 1 round; Young Avent, 4; Ted Powell, 3; Joe Rogers, 3; Young Rainsford, 3; Kid Morris, 5; Kid Pearson, 2; Alf Williams, 5; Lewis Williams, 3; Mike Flynn, 8; Young Powell, 3; Ted Roberts, 4; Ted Roberts, 3; Stoker Staines, 1; Dal Roberts, 3; Young Langford, 2; Eddy Thomas, 2; Steve Thomas, 3; Billy Papke, 3; Archy Grant, 3; Archy Grant, 2; Young Towell, 4; Young Towell, 3; Young Rice, 4; Billy Yates, 4; Billy Padden, 17; Tommy Hughes, 7; Kid Fitzpatrick, 3; Dal Matthews, 4; Harry Taylor, 3; Billy Yates, 3; Billy Rees, 2; G. Thomas, 5; Dick Lewis, 3; Young Baker, 10; Kid Leveve, 8; Kid Leveve, 7; Harry Brooks, 8; Young Dyer, 2; Young Dyer, 3; Billy Charles, 5; Harry Curley, 12. **Won**—Dick Jenkins, 6; Fred Cheppell, 6; S. Jennings, 11; Jim Easton, 10; Alf Williams, 12; Young Baker, 6; Mike Flynn, 8; Billy Padden, 18, 12; Tom Lewis, 12; Young Dando, 15; Dal Davis, 12; Darky Saunders, 10; Dido Gains, 15 (twice); Young Dando, 20; Kid Nutter, 15; Young Beynon, 15; Paddy Carroll, 2; Geo. Jaggers, 5; Bill Kyne, 4; E. Husson, 6; Bouzonnie, 6; Alf Mansfield, 20; G. Gloria, 9; Young Walters, 6; Young Baker, 15; Alf Mansfield, 12; Young Symonds, 15; Sid Smith, 9. **Won (foul)**—Young Dando, 10. **Draw**—Dick Jenkins, 10; Harry Stuckey, 6; Ben Hardwick, 8.

1915—Knockout—Sid Shields, 2 rounds; Danny Elliott, 2. **Won**—Dvr Benthew, 5; George Clark, 8; Peter Cullen, 9; Tommy Hughes, 8; Johnny Best, 14; Sid Smith, 8. **Lost**—Tancy Lee, 17.

1916—Knockout—Jimmy Morton, 2 rounds; Young Symonds, 12; Sid Smith, 3; Johnny Rosner, 11; Tancy Lee, 11; Johnny Hughes, 10; Young Zulu Kid, 11. **Won**—Billy Rowlands, 7; Tom Noble, 11; Sam Keller, 8; Benny Thomas, 8; Tommy Harrison, 20; Darky Saunders, 5; Jos Magnus, 5; Tom Noble, 15.

1917—Won—George Clark, 4 rounds. **Exhibition**—Sid Smith, 4; Sid Smith, 3.

1918—Knockout—Pte. Dick Heasman, 2 rounds; Joe Conn, 12. **Won**—Joe Lynch, 3. **Lost**—Pal Moore, 3. **Exhibition**—Pedlar Palmer, 4.

1919—Knockout—Jimmy Buck, 5 rounds; Young Mansfield, 13. **Won**—Joe Lynch, 15; Pal Moore, 20. **No decision**—Jack Sharkey, 10.

1920—Knockout—Mike Ertle, 3 rounds; Mickey Russell, 7; Battling Murray, 8; Bobby Dyson, 1; Battling Murray, 2. **Won**—Patsy Wallace, 10. **No decision**—Babe Asher, 8; Patsy Wallace, 6; Frankie Mason, 12; Zulu Kid, 10. **Exhibition**—Joe Bowker, 3.

1921—Peter Herman, 5, *(TK), London, 17 rounds.

*Technical knockout. Bout stopped with Wilde helpless.

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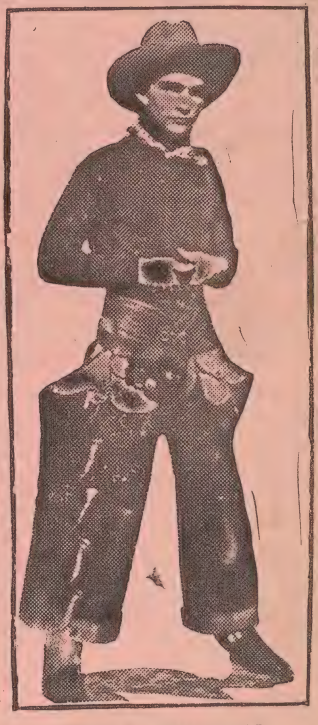

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Boxing Game Throughout World had Greatest Year in the History of Fistic Sport During 1922

More Championship Contests and Important Bouts Fought in Past Year Than in Any Other Year of Fistiana's Reign—Three World's Championships and Two American Titles Change Hands—Foolish Commission Rules Muddle Middleweight and Featherweight Titles—Prospects Indicate Still Bigger Year in Ring in 1923

By Arthur T. Lumley

Arthur Lumley has the distinction and honor of being the oldest writer on boxing in America. He has been writing of the ring game for more than 50 years, having been sporting editor on many of the New York dailies, also the Police Gazette and the old Police News. He writes now exclusively for the Boxing Blade and his weekly page of Broadway Boxing Gossip has a big following among Blade readers.

NEW YORK CITY—Boxing gained such immense popularity during the big World War that the manly sport has been booming ever since, not only in this country but in England, France, Belgium, Denmark, Australia, Germany and in every other civilized part of the universe.

Arthur T. Lumley

Never in the history of America especially has there been such a prosperous and as eventful a year in boxing as in 1922. More world's championships and other brilliant bouts have been fought in every part of the land of the free and home of the brave (barring prohibition and a few other puritanical restrictions), in 1922 than during any one year in the history of boxing.

Although Jack Dempsey, the world's heavyweight king; Johnny Wilson, the middleweight champion; and Johnny Kilbane, the featherweight title holder have not defended their pugilistic crowns during 1922, the champions in the other classes have been quite active.

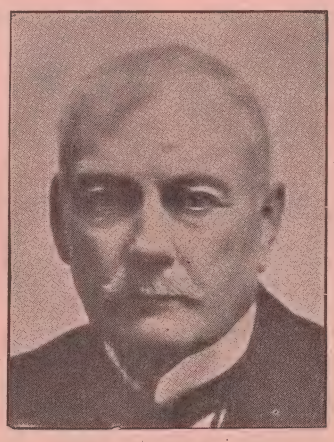
The downfall and defeat of Jack Britton, who so gallantly defended his world's welterweight title so often after he regained it from Ted Lewis by a knockout in 1919, was quite distressing to his host of followers.

Britton had gotten by such a risk in losing his crown last summer when he outboxed and outfought the great lightweight champion, Benny Leonard, that his many admirers imagined he would still be able to do the same to Young Mickey Walker, who by his superior youth and vigor most decisively defeated the old master in a hard fought 15-round contest at the Garden.

But it was the old, old story of many another famous champion who entered the ring when his endurance and speed had left him with the advance of old age.

Mickey Walker, the new welter champion is a sturdy, aggressive and game young fellow, who has considerable to learn about skillful boxing, especially with such a brilliant fighter as Jock Malone and others on his trail.

Before another year has gone by it would not be at all surprising to see Benny Leonard, Lew Tendler, and other distinguished lightweights competing against Walker for the welterweight crown, as many of these boxers are outgrowing their class.



WILLIAM MULDOON
Chairman New York Boxing Commission

The Light Heavyweight Championship

Battling Siki, a negro from the French colony of Senegal in Africa, became world's light heavyweight champion when he knocked out Georges Carpentier in six rounds at Paris. The title hasn't done Siki any good, however, as he has been barred from boxing throughout Europe because of his escapades, including the assaulting of a second for the opponent of a boxer whom Siki was seconding in a Paris ring. His alleged confession that his bout with Carpentier was arranged as a frame-up also has cast him in the role of an unsavory character which the boxing game would be better off without.

Twice during 1922 has the light heavyweight title of America changed hands.

Last winter, Battling Levinsky, one of the cleverest boxers of the Queensberry period, lost his crown to Gene Tunney, who is not half as skillful as the veteran, ring-worn Levinsky, but again youthful vigor prevailed. However, Tunney's reign as champion was very short indeed. In a couple of months the new champion faced that wonderful whirlwind artist, Harry Greb, and what a terrific lambasting Harry handed poor Gene for 15 slashing rounds.

Tunney is now matched to meet his conqueror again in the same ring in the historic Garden, where he won and lost his highly prized title within so few moons. Gene is a game, willing fighter with a destructive punch, but Greb is too fast and furious for any man of his class now in the fistic limelight. In fact, many of the most expert judges of fighters are of the opinion that this same Pittsburgh whirlwind could make it mighty interesting even for the annihilating Jack Dempsey if they should ever come together. Some of these experts who witnessed Greb box Dempsey as a sparring partner while the big fellow was training for Georges Carpentier in this city, declare that Harry made a masterly showing against Jack and cut him up so badly that after the second day Greb was given the gate by the big champion's manager.

We all know that Dempsey is a very fast man for his poundage, but Greb is undoubtedly considerably faster, and speed invariably is a most important factor in any sort of a combat. But it's not likely that the big husky champion, nor his wise manager, will give the whirlwind any serious consideration until he has won or lost against Harry Wills, Jess Willard or Tom Gibbons.

Johnny Buff's Unlucky Year.

Much less than a year ago, Johnny Buff held two exalted titles. He was the flyweight champion of America and bantam champion of the world. Quite some high honors for any boxer to be proud of.

Again age cut quite a score against plucky Buff, for he had passed his 33rd year and old Father Time was out counting against him. Last summer at the big open air velodrome, little Johnny faced Joe Lynch, the former bantam champion, who was in the finest fettle to win back the crown he lost to Pete Herman a few months

previous at Ebbetts Field in Brooklyn.

Buff had beaten Herman shortly before in his rattling aggressive manner and the fans expected to se Johnny put up a corking fight against Lynch. But they certainly were disappointed, for Johnny had gone through rather a long illness and with his age the handicap was too much for him. Lynch easily battered Buff to a standstill and his seconds finally threw in the towel when the brave Jerseyite was down and out but anxious to continue.

The wise birds said that Buff had fought out of his class and he was really only a flyweight and not a bantam. So when Tex Rickard made Buff a tempting financial offer to meet Pancho Villa at the Garden some three months after Johnny lost his bantam title, the little champion could not resist the lure of gold, notwithstanding he was not in his usual good form and health. Villa on the other hand was in perfect form and full of snappy fighting spirit. He was too fast and youthful for the aged Buff, who left the ring deprived of his last and only championship crown.

The Much Muddled Up Titles.

During the past year the autocratic boxing commission of this state has certainly caused much confusion and contention among some of the important titleholders. The dictatorial chairman without just reason or logic has succeeded in making quite a nice razzle-dazzle mess of at least two championships, the middle and featherweight.

As far as New York state is concerned, Johnny Wilson is not the middleweight champion, nor is he permitted to box anyone here, according to Boss Muldoon's orders, which suspended Wilson about a year ago for not agreeing to meet Harry Greb after signing an agreement to that effect.

But Wilson was forced to sign under compulsion in order to get the $35,000 Tex Rickard agreed to pay him for his second defeat of Mike O'Dowd. In law where any person is compelled to sign an agreement under undue compulsion it is invariably declared null and void. Rickard held Wilson's money out for several months, positively refusing to pay it over until Wilson signed to box Greb at the Garden. Johnny and his manager made many trips to New York from Boston trying to compel Rickard to pay over the sum due and at last when all arguments failed Wilson or his manager signed to box Greb.

What sort of business, law or sportsmanship is this? Was it fair and just for Muldoon to stand by Rickard in such a flimsy transaction?

Wilson may be sidestepping the dangerous contenders and all that sort of stuff, but he's certainly entitled to be reinstated in this state and given an opportunity to show whether he is a real champion or not.

Punished Enough.

It is the opinion of the vast majority of honest New York patrons of boxing that Wilson has endured punishment enough. They want to see him in battle against some worthy opponent. Why tie or muddle up the middleweight championship so indefinitely?

But in order to confuse more than ever, Muldoon declared Dave Rosenberg the champion, after Rosenberg had deposited $2,500 with the commission as a guarantee that he would properly defend the muddled up title. And when the said Rosenberg ran out of the match with O'Dowd, booked to take place at Ebbett's Field, the almighty Muldoon suspended him. Rosenberg had previously signed up with Jimmy Marsh, manager of the Broadway Club of Brooklyn to meet some opponent Marsh had in mind. But that agreement didn't cut any ice with Muldoon. He ordered Rosenberg to box O'Dowd at the Rink or suffer the consequences. He finally re-instated Rosenberg when Dave again agreed to meet O'Dowd at the Brooklyn Rink. Well, poor Rosenberg lost to O'Dowd on a foul and lost his New York State title, besides his share of the purse, $1,750, which the commission declared forfeited for his violation of the ring rules.

But the full story of the muddling up of the middle and featherweight titles would take up too much space. No doubt if Wilson and Kilbane were to go on their knees to the autocratic Muldoon and plead for forgiveness both of these champions might be pardoned and reinstated for their sins and disobedience against His Majesty.

Too Many Punk Rules.

But there are altogether too many foolish rules and regulations for most any boxer, manager or club to live up to.

However, some clubs seem to be able to avoid the silly laws while others are held strictly to account. Why is this? Simply the political power behind the throne. Madison Square Garden Club can run two boxing shows a week or do as they please, but let some small club try this and their doors will be closed without even a hearing.

The Ebbetts Field Club last summer cooked up and staged that frightful fiasco between Harry Wills and Tut Jackson before an immense crowd of poor boob fans. When the farce exploded and the suckers realized they were beautifully trimmed, the commission to soothe the gulled public, pretended to start an investigation. What did that amount to? Absolutely nothing.

Why did the commission sanction this fiasco between Wills and Tut? Because there was a certain big Republican leader behind the Ebbets Field combination who stood well with the powers that be at Albany.

But what's the use of rehashing all the blunders and flukes the muddling commission has been guilty of. They would fill a good sized book.

Bright Prospects for 1923.

Old Fistiana is a game old bird. No matter how many hard knocks and unjust treatment the manly game receives, it comes back full of grit and ginger as the most popular sport in the world.

Today there are more boxers and clubs scattered all over creation than ever before. The outlook for the coming New Year is certainly very bright and rosy, with many young aspiring gladiators looming up in most every part of the civilized globe.

Every champion from Jimmy Wilde, the world's flyweight king, to Jack Dempsey, the big monarch of the ring, will undoubtedly defend their titles in 1923 or fall back into obscurity.

Now that Jimmy Wilde has announced his intention to return to the ring and defend his crown, promoters both here and abroad are figuring on staging a match between the little Britisher and Pancho Villa. But as Wilde is not inclined to battle again in this country, the contest will probably take place in England early in the spring or perhaps sooner. The British experts freely acknowledge that Jimmy is not the wonderful boxer he was some three or four years ago, it's very likely that the American flyweight champion will gain the world's title when he clashes with the once brilliant English boxer.

Johnny Wilson, who has acquired quite a big bankroll in a venture outside the ring, declares to his close friends that he will also cross the Atlantic this winter and leave or lose his title to some worthy foreign contender. This is a rather queer statement for the middleweight champion to make but it's his idea of getting square with the New York commission for the unjust way he has been treated by Muldoon & Co.

There's considerable talk about Jack Dempsey making another trip to England for the purpose of battling Joe Beckett, the champion of that country, but this is looked upon as a very one-sided joke fight by the wise fans on both sides of the big pond.

But the most attractive and big money-getting combat for Dempsey will be his clash with Harry Wills, which is booked for next July 4th

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Political Commissions Threaten to Make the National Association Menace to Boxing Game

Idea behind forming of N. B. A. was betterment of boxing situation throughout country but pernicious activities of certain state commissions may defeat object of national governing body—However, present N. B. A. officials are not likely to let organization become tool in hands of politicians who are playing their own interests and are not in office for good of sport.

By the Editor

IS THE National Boxing Association in danger of becoming a menace instead of a help to the boxing game?

We are moved to ask this question at this time because of recent occurrences which threaten to make the national body a tool of certain persons whose connection with boxing is not for the best interests of the sport.

In fact, unless officials of the national association "watch their step" they are liable to unwittingly become an instrument which will defeat the object of the N. B. A. as contemplated by its founders.

The idea behind the origination of the National Boxing Association was the betterment of the boxing situation in general throughout the country.

Blade Has Been Booster

The Boxing Blade has always boosted the National Association for the reason that we believed a national body was necessary to handle the sport.

But at the same time we have strongly objected to politicians and politically influenced officials serving on state boxing commissions. Our main reasons for objecting to politically appointed commissions has been threshed out week after week through our regular issues of the Blade.

Summing it up briefly, our stand is that any politically appointed commissioner is nine times out of ten some fellow suggested by some friend politician to the governor for appointment. And this politician with "an axe to grind" can handle the fellow that he arranged to have appointed.

In other words, the politically appointed commissioner is usually a rubber stamp, ready to do anything the politician (or go-between) tells him to, regardless of the consequences to the boxing game.

So far as the politician cares, the boxing game means nothing to him usually; he knows nothing about it and cares less, and usually he arranges for the appointment of some one along the same lines.

Boxers are Subjugated

The boxer, who makes the game possible, has nothing to say about anything; also he hadn't better say anything that might interfere in any way with the politicians or the politically appointed commission's ideas.

Now, what we are getting at is that the National Boxing Association, originally organized for the betterment of boxing throughout the country, usually must comply with the wishes of inefficient, incompetent political commissions which are members of the body.

Unless a boxer or manager agrees absolutely with the high-handed ways of the politicians they immediately send him word that they will have him barred, and that it will mean barred, not only in one state, but the whole United States. Why? —Because, by heck! they belong to the National Boxing Association.

Any fair-minded man who has the sport's interest at heart, or more or less believes in fair play, must agree that under these circumstances the National Boxing Association is in danger of becoming a political menace to the boxing game.

We are not talking from hearsay; we know what we are talking about. There are a lot of rubber stamps on boxing commissions throughout the country who don't know any more about boxing than an Eskimo does about straw hats and care less.

Instances could be cited that would make pages full of interesting reading where a rubber stamp commissioner worked as the political go-between in deals which were for the good of themselves and detrimental to the boxing game in every case.

Use Bulldozing Tactics

We know of many, many boxing managers and boxers who have been intimidated into doing as some politician wished by the mere suggestion of barring them all over the country. We also know of a case when a commission who could not get a certain faction of boxers and managers to do as they wished politically, drummed up a case against the managers and boxers without an iota of foundation.

This commission's first move after drumming up the case was to circulate a story in the newspapers that said boxers and managers would be barred for two years and maybe more, not in one state, but all over the United States, as, by heck! they belonged to the National Boxing Association and that settled it.

In that particular case, the political commission discovered early in the hearing that they were

not dealing with a bunch of hoodlums and when called on the show down the political boys ran to cover by exonerating the principals in the affair.

Now these affairs are not uncommon, but don't get us wrong. They are not happening in all states. No, we have the highest regard for boxing commissions in five different states of the Union, as their past records have stood the test. But on those same five commissions you will find men of understanding and common sense, out only for the good of boxing.

How it Works Out

On the other hand, the political commissions have become a menace to the National Boxing Association. They get authority from the National Boxing Association, a working agreement between all states, for $25 per year. Anyone barred in one state cannot work in any of the rest. Oh! boy, that is duck soup for the political grafting commissioner. He then can tell all his home town managers and boxers where to get on and off in not only boxing but civil life as well. In brief, the dirty work then starts.

The question is, what is going to be done to curb this menace? Not only are this kind of commissions a menace in themselves, but they are fast making the great governing body, the National Boxing Association, a menace to the boxers and the boxing game.

If the system of appointing boxing commissions suggested by politicians is to be continued it is far better for the boxing fans, boxers and all directly interested in the game that boxing commissions be abolished.

And if such commissions are allowed to exist and are admitted to membership in the National Boxing Association, they can swing an authoritative hand and, right or wrong, put anyone who does not happen to share their views on any subject out of business, not only in one state, but in all states, as, by heck! they belong to the National Boxing Association.

May Not Be Aware of Danger

The object of this information is to wise up all the real big men who are for the good of the game and who are associated with the National Boxing Association, to the menace that is swiftly putting the high ideals of the founders of the National Boxing Association into the discard.

If the men who are right and sincere are not able to curb the political menace, it would be far better for all concerned in the good of boxing if the National Boxing Association were dissolved instead of being made a gigantic combination for the sole use of the politician.

However, we firmly believe and are confident that when the present officials of the N. B. A. become aware of the menace that is threatening the national body they will not allow themselves and the association to unconsciously be made tools in the hands of these political boxing commissions. We personally know that all of the present N. B. A. officials are men of the highest integrity, and that at heart they are working for the best interests of the boxing game.

It Is Up to the Governors

Governors in the different states should be asked to be more discreet in the appointment of boxing commissioners.

In the first place, there is no more need of political control of boxing than there is need of political control of baseball, football or any other sport.

Can any one explain why boxing shows must pay a state tax and no other sport is taxed?

Will anyone dare say that the present average state commission handles boxing better than the National and American baseball commissions handle baseball?

No one will say that baseball should be handled by state commissions or politicians.

Pick Men Who Know Business

Baseball magnates and commissions are selected by the men directly interested in baseball, and boxing commissions are usually selected by some politician who has many other "axes to grind" in many other lines at the expense of the boxing game.

A butcher, baker, plumber, blacksmith or any person regardless of his knowledge of boxing but who will act as a rubber stamp is the ideal commissioner according to the politician.

Can anyone imagine a bootlegger or hod carrier slipping out on the Polo grounds and telling John McGraw how to handle the New York Giants?

Or can you imagine some butcher stepping out to the Sox Park in Chicago and telling Charles Commiskey how to handle the White Sox?

Or, in Minneapolis, can someone imagine some tire salesman walking out to Joe Cantillon and telling him how he should handle the Minneapolis Baseball team?

Or, in St. Paul, can anybody imagine a truckman going out to Lexington park and telling Mike Kelley how to manage the St. Paul ball club?

No, we know no reasonable man in his right senses can ever imagine anything so inconsistent.

But that is just what is going on in the boxing game, and is considered all right. And we think it is high time for something to be done about it.

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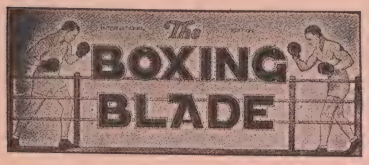

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THE boxing game for 1922, financially speaking, was just fair. Some great battles were fought and many big houses were in evidence, but on an average through the year the business dropped about 35 per cent from what it was in 1921.

The Leonard-Tendler bout not only drew a record house for lightweights, but for money it classed as third on the list of all bouts ever promoted. The Dempsey-Carpentier bout and the Dempsey-Willard fray were the only bouts in the history of boxing that surpassed the Leonard-Tendler attendance at Boyle's Thirty Acres in Jersey in 1922.

The Garden in New York as usual had a very successful year. All winter competition to Madison Square was curbed, as the only places of size to give the Garden trouble were the Armories and they were refused a license by the boxing commission.

The small clubs around New York did not make any money to speak of. Open air shows at Ebbetts' Field in Brooklyn on a whole was a paying proposition, but nearly all other clubs lost money.

Boston had a good year, nearly all clubs in the Bean City turning in a successful report. Most shows ran from $4,500 to $20,000.

Philadelphia had some big paying open air shows last summer, but the regular clubs nearly all lost money and boxing at the close of 1922 was considered the dullest it has been for over 20 years.

Buffalo is always good and as usual the clubs there made money.

Montreal, Canada, put on some good shows, but several outside promoters butted into the promoting game there, including Tex Rickard. No big money was made and reports are that all the outsiders lost, Jimmie McKimmie, a Montreal man, being the only promoter to finish ahead. McKimmie did very well and will continue to promote there.

Detroit went bad. Lack of attendance and lack of interest in boxing has forced the commission to allow only one show each week, and we understand that the one a week is a loser. Sid Barbarian is the only local attraction at the Ford City. When Sid shows against a good opponent, the show is usually a success.

Chicago promoters, which includes those at Aurora, Michigan City, the boat and East Chicago, up to October of 1922 all failed to make money. Floyd Fitzsimmons and his partners lost plenty and the rest did not make anything. However, since October, the near Chicago clubs are all reported to be doing well with prospects very bright for 1923.

Milwaukee had a big season. Tom Andrews did exceptionally well at the New Ice Palace during the summer and in fact during the whole year. Frank Mulkern and Otto Borchert put on some big shows, taking a few losses and scoring some successes. All around they made some money.

St. Paul, Minneapolis and Duluth fell below the average boxing year, Ray Carnes of Duluth being the only promoter to realize any profit during the season. The St. Paul club had two big paying shows and several losers. Reports are that they will break even for the year.

Minneapolis staged only two shows from April to Jan. 1st. Reports are that they are about $5,000 out on the season's business.

Montana put on plenty shows but did not make any money with houses running from $300 to $2,000. Great Falls and Butte turned out the most successful there. Cash attendance ran as high as $4,000 and as low as $500.

Idaho did scarcely any business during the year.

Portland, Oregon, was only fair. The Milwaukie arena drew a few good houses during the first part of the season, and then dropped almost out of existence.

Seattle has had the usual trouble with the commission but despite this had some very successful shows and big houses during the early part of the year. However, they finished the season in the dark.

Vancouver was not a paying proposition.

Tacoma did well, using local boxers quite extensively.

Spokane was a dead issue.

Oakland, Calif., did a big business. Tommy Simpson cleaned up, packing them in once a week with four-round bouts known there as amateur shows.

Frisco is not doing so well.

At Los Angeles, three big clubs, at Vernon, Hollywood and Los Angeles A. C. are staging four-round shows weekly, with an average of 100 fights being pulled off each week.

Hollywood American Legion has built an arena seating 5,000 and runs a show every Friday night, always playing to capacity houses. Vernon is doing about the same. Los Angeles A. C. is also doing well, but not so good as Vernon and Hollywood. All in all, boxing is booming in Los Angeles and vicinity.

Ogden and Salt Lake City, Utah, with Tuscon and Phoenix as well as all boxing centers in Utah, Arizona and New Mexico had no boxing worth mentioning during 1922.

El Paso, Texas, and Juarez, Mexico, did very well with prospects for 1923 very good. Shows there last season drew for an average of from $3,000 to $6,000. All other boxing localities of Texas fell down the last six months of the season. Dallas has organized a new club with Jim Kelly at the head of same that is expected to stage some good shows this year.

In Oklahoma, Dan Lackey put on several big successful shows and must have made some money. Anyhow, Lackey is going into the boxing game bigger than ever this season which shows that he must be well satisfied. No other city in Oklahoma outside of Tulsa did anything, and Tulsa did only fair, being lucky if they broke even on the year.

New Orleans according to Will Hamilton, who is considered boxing authority in the south, has done very well and prospects are good for next year. With four good staple promoters and one of the best boxing commissions in the union, New Orleans is sitting pretty as far as boxing is concerned. Happy Littleton is now going good again and all that is necessary in the Crescent City to get 10,000 people out to a boxing show is to give them a fight. They come in droves to a good show. Early in the summer the local ring idols turned out losers and the fans quit.

At Memphis, Tenn., the game has held up as usual. Billy Haack, promoter there, reports that 1922 was fully as good as '21, with the prospects good for 1923.

St. Louis ran some good shows the first four months of '22 but commission trouble on granting permits and licenses created an eruption that put St. Louis in the dark the balance of the season. However, Tommy Sullivan reports that everything is set to go big early this season. St. Louis is a good boxing center if shows can be permitted.

Cincinnati did only fair, no big shows and only a few small ones. Covington, Ky., across the river, ran a few.

Louisville put on a few successful big bouts and several small ones. It

is understood that the promoters there made a little money.

Atlanta, Ga., Nashville, Tenn., and other cities south as far as Florida, according to reports from Walk Miller, Atlanta promoter and fight manager, all have had a big season, compared with 1921 and time previous. Reports are that the Southeast is going strong for boxing. Several good local boys are being developed there which naturally creates interest and livens up the sport.

Many glowing reports came from Cuba during the year that they were doing a great business there and etc., but a final summary of it all is that Havana as a boxing center is a joke compared with any place in the U. S. of its size.

The Canal Zone staged several good and bad bouts during the year with only fair success.

London, England, had a big year having many big shows. Ted Kid Lewis made over $100,000 at London during 1922 and has good prospects of duplicating in '23.

Paris, France, is in a bad way since the Siki affair and since the Siki confession of an alleged frame-up in the Carpentier show. Same will likely kill boxing in France for 1923 at least.

Australia, during 1922, was not up to standard, attendance having dropped off about 30 per cent. Lack of good attractions was the chief cause. The outlook for 1923 at this writing is not any too rosy.

In the Philippine Islands and at Honolulu shows were staged regularly with many good battles but no big houses. But the future looks very promising.

All in all, the world over, cash attendance in boxing dropped off in 1922 about 35 per cent due to business conditions and lack of good attractions. However, the prospects for 1923 look good in almost every locality.

WE take this opportunity to point out that in the Boxing Blade annual edition a year ago we called the turn almost "to a T" on how the champions of the different divisions would fare during 1922. Here is what we said in our forecast last January 1st:

The Boxing Blade predicts that there will be at least four changes in championships this year, and maybe five.

Johnny Buff has several contenders that are camping right around the bantamweight crown. Although Buff is a great little fighter, we look for a new title holder in the little class before 1923 rolls around.

Johnny Kilbane comes next. If Johnny fights his nearest contenders this year, there will be a new featherweight champion.

Benny Leonard's crown looks safe for the season.

Jack Britton was a great fighter and still can fool most of the young welterweights if he continues to fight no decision fights. He still may be champion next year, but the betting is against him.

Johnny Wilson is a better fighter than most people give him credit for, but if he fights his closest contenders this season, Johnny will have an exattached to his title quite some time before 1923.

Georges Carpentier, light heavyweight champion is on the down grade. There will be a new light heavyweight champion this year.

Jack Dempsey, if he keeps in shape, will hold the heavyweight championship for a long time. Outside of Harry Wills and possibly Tom Gibbons, there are no opponents, and Dempsey should defeat both Wills and Gibbons.

Results of the year turned out just about as the Blade predicted. Buff, Britton and Carpentier lost their titles. Dempsey, Wilson and Kilbane did not fight, and we said it was doubtful that they would fight during 1922.

Now we will try our prophetic powers again on predictions for 1923. Here's our opinion of what will happen among the champions this year:

Jack Dempsey has no worthy opponent aside from Harry Wills and won't have any for at least two years.

Battling Siki will be beaten by the first good light heavyweight he boxes, and if he boxes any legitimate contender in 1923 he will be an exchampion.

Johnny Wilson has been out of the ring too long. We think Johnny is going to fight during 1923 and if he does there will be a new middleweight champion. Johnny is a nice boy and a better fighter than he is given credit for, but a new active world's champion will liven up the middleweight division.

Mickey Walker is not the best of the welterweight division. Yes, Walker won the decision over Britton, but if he fights any of at least five of the leading contenders there will be a new welterweight champion some time during 1923. For instance, Jock Malone, Dave Shade, Jimmie Shevlin, Frankie Schoell, or any of two or three others we know. Unless Walker can avoid all the good ones he will be an ex-champ early in his young career.

Benny Leonard is one of the greatest lightweights that ever wore the crown, but he has seen his best days at 135 pounds. However, at this writing there is no one who is now heralded as a contender that can beat Benny. In shape Leonard will (and he has) beat all such fellows as Tendler, White and the dozen more that are talking of fighting him. By the way, all of them are only talking for the loser's end. The lightweight who can beat Benny Leonard is not recognized as a contender at this writing. Benny may go through 1923, but he had better be careful the last few months of the season.

Johnny Kilbane is through. The first real fighter Kilbane meets will knock him for a goal. Kilbane has been a great fighter and a real champion but he is past his usefulness. We have some good information that Johnny is through. Although he avoided all battles in 1922, we hear from quite reliable sources that he will take the long end for a bout this year. Because of Kilbane's long layoff and his unreasonable demands when asked to box, we think that he will be forced to accept a legitimate contender whenever he gets ready to go. Eugene Criqui will take Kilbane like Grant took Richmond. So will Johnny Dundee now, though he couldn't in Kilbane's prime. Johnny was a real champion but that was some time ago. Also, we feel it is quite an appropriate time to say that Kilbane's defeat will be a Godsend to the featherweight division and unless he refuses entirely to mix, 1923 will see a new featherweight champion.

Joe Lynch has shown that he is not unbeatable. He already has won the bantam title twice and lost it once. He is King of the Bantams now by virtue of beating Johnny Buff last season at New York. If Joe listens very attentively to his manager, Eddy Meade, he may wander through 1923, but he must keep away from all bantamweights that can fight—that means about all of them that are actively fighting. If Joe Lynch fights his closest contenders to a decision, he will be set back again, an ex-champion before 1923 rolls by.

Jimmie Wilde, world's flyweight title holder, is ready to be taken. Jimmie was one of the greatest little fighters of his weight that ever entered a ring, but that was quite some time ago. The last beating that Pete Herman gave Wilde when he knocked Jimmie out in 18 rounds put the greatest little English warrior of all time on the toboggan, headed down hill. Even so it will take a real fighter to beat him yet. We are inclined to think that that dashing young Filipino, Pancho Villa, can do the job, but even so he will know he was in a fight. Jimmy can hit good yet, is game as they make 'em and knows the game backwards, but he is not what he used to be. If he fights Villa, 1923 will be his finish as title holder.

REFEREE GAVE JOHN L. DECISION TWO DAYS AFTER BOUT WAS HELD

One glaring example of how a referee can help his man is furnished by Charles F. Mathison, the New York fight expert, who recalls Dominick McCaffrey's fight with John L. Sullivan in Cincinnati in 1885. "Sullivan," says Mathison, "refused to come out of his corner for the seventh round of a bout with Dominick McCaffrey at Chester Driving Park, Cincinnati, Aug. 29th, 1885, although the articles of agreement called for 'six rounds or to a finish.' McCaffrey had battered the Boston boy so thoroughly that Sullivan decided to postpone additional fighting to some other day. During the argument Ed Tate, the referee, sneaked out of the ring and went to his home in Toledo. Two days after the contest Tate sent out word that 'Sullivan was the winner.' It is so set down in the records and is one of the most amazing 'irrevocable decisions' in the history of pugilism."

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San Francisco Hopes For Let-up in Police Rules Which Now Bar Better Boxers From Showing

Clouds Which Have Hung Over the Game for More Than Two Years Expected to Be Lifted Early This Year—Merchants May Get Behind Move to Have Four-Round Shows at Which Best Boxers Obtainable Will Be Permitted to Box—Clubs at Oakland, Hollywood and Vernon Play to Big Crowds Weekly—No Prospective Champions in Sight in California.

BY MARION T. SALAZAR
(Famous California Boxing Writer)

Marion Salazar is regarded as one of the world's greatest sports writers. He has been writing sports at San Francisco for over 25 years. Up to three years ago he was sporting editor of the San Francisco Call, going from there to the Bulletin, where he is sporting editor at present. Mr. Salazar has covered all of the big championship fights for the past 25 years regardless of where they were staged. As a fight critic and writer on boxing he is considered one of the keenest and best.

SAN FRANCISCO.—The dark clouds that have been hanging over the boxing game in San Francisco ever since the gangster trouble of over two years ago may be broken up a little during the early part of the new year.

Marion T. Salazar

The break is expected to start through the efforts of individual members of the Down Merchants' Association who feel that San Francisco is entitled to at least as good four-round boxing as is enjoyed by the people of Oakland at Tommy Simpson's shows.

This is the situation: Professional boxing, as generally known, is illegal throughout California.

During the gangster trouble, which resulted in the complete elimination of the San Francisco promoters then in power, and in the sending of two boxers to prison, Chief of Police Dan O'Brien ordered that all boxing be stopped.

Later the Chief let down the bars a little and permitted the holding of shows, but with the understanding that the promoters not use any of the boxers who had boxed prior to the outbreak of the gangsters.

That has been the situation for two years. A new crop of boxers has sprung up.

But innocent boxers have suffered. Clean, gentlemanly boys like Frankie Farren and Bud Ridley, for instance, boys who were boxing in the old days, and who can still box, are automatically barred in San Francisco. They can, however, box in Oakland, which is but twenty minutes by boat across the bay.

Fans Flock to Oakland

The result is that San Francisco fans, though they attend the shows in their home town well enough, flock across the bay every Wednesday night.

Thus, some of the merchants feel, a great deal of money is taken out of San Francisco. Whether the merchants' association as a body feels that way is not known. But some of its members do. And these members have a move under way to bring the situation to the attention of Chief of Police Dan O'Brien, or the police commission, or, if necessary, to take the matter still higher up in the hope that the lid will be lifted and that any boy who can box in Oakland will also be permitted to box in San Francisco.

FLOYD JOHNSON
California Heavyweight Title Contender

Frank Schuler and Toby Irwin, who with the Lynch brothers conduct the weekly shows at Dreamland Rink, are in favor of the movement, figuring that, in the event of success, their matchmaking will be much easier, for they will have more faces to pick from.

But it is doubtful that the change would help them financially, for they are "packing the fans in" now, with boys who do not expect big "medals," and don't get them, while the boys who are now barred, and who are better known, would, of course, want better compensation.

The change, however, might save "Gene" Malatesta and his associates whose shows on Tuesday nights at the Arcadia Pavilion are just "toddling" along.

Simpson in Oakland has nothing to fear in the proposed change. He has been going for several years now and his shows will be well attended no matter what comes.

Competition Doesn't Hurt

And, for that matter, the idea that one show will detract from another, if both shows are good, was exploded in Los Angeles this year to the satisfaction of all concerned.

Jack Doyle was "turning them away" at Vernon. Then the American Legion conceived the idea of holding shows at Hollywood—in the midst of the movie colony. Everybody sat back to watch the scrap. All agreed that Los Angeles could not support two boxing shows a week. Doyle or the Legion would go under.

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Douglas Fairbanks Interested

They say, too, that Douglas Fairbanks and one or two others of equal note are financially interested with the Legion boys in the pavilion.

But, be that as it may, the movie stars are all there on Friday nights and the Legion boys are making much

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SAN FRANCISCO HOPES FOR LET-UP IN POLICE RULES.

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money. When I last talked with them about three months ago they had just finished clearing a debt of about $27,000.

Meanwhile, what about Jack Doyle? Jack had been apprehensive. He, like the outsiders, looked for a fight. But, as the Legion shows went on, he could see no falling off in his crowds on Tuesday nights. Now Jack can gauge the size of his Tuesday night crowds by the crowd that the Legion gets on the preceding Friday night.

"It's funny," he says, "if the Legion gets a large crowd I get a big one too. And if the crowd is small at Hollywood I get one proportionately small."

But don't misunderstand about a small crowd. A small crowd in Hollywood or in Vernon is one that can all be gotten into the building. If the promoters don't "turn 'em away" they think they lost money.

No Title Contenders

The writer wishes he could say that we have a few boys coming along—prospective champions. But to say that would be stretching the truth. Floyd Johnson, of course, started in San Francisco among the four rounders, but he is no longer with us and the Easterners know all about him.

Cliff Kramer of St. Paul, who battled a number of times with Johnson, is still with us, but he is about the only heavyweight in these parts, and, as a consequence, is laying off most the time.

Eddie Diggins, who is managed by the old timer, Young Mitchell, looked like a coming champion among the lightweights for a while, but he has settled down into the maw of mediocrity, though he is still about the best drawing card in San Francisco.

There are plenty of fairly good boys boxing in California, outside of San Francisco, boys like Jack Reeves, Bert Colima, Solly Seeman and Ray Long of Oklahoma, and not forgetting the fashion plate, Joe Benjamin, but there is not a single boy that the world's champions need be afraid of.

And I almost forgot. There was a ripple of interest among the fight fans when Willie Ritchie, who is in the auto tire business, announced his intention of trying to come back. But Willie is still considering.

Tommy Simpson wanted to use him New Year's afternoon with Jimmy Duffy. Willie went to see Tommy. The match was not made. Tommy said when it was over that all Willie wanted was the city hall and an interest in Henry Ford's factory in Detroit.

So we won't get to see Willie on New Year's. Perhaps we will have the opportunity later on.

We in California, who at one time had the best there was in boxing, are like men under sentence of death. We're always hoping that something unexpected will turn up. We've been that way ever since 1914—when professional boxing was voted out at the polls.

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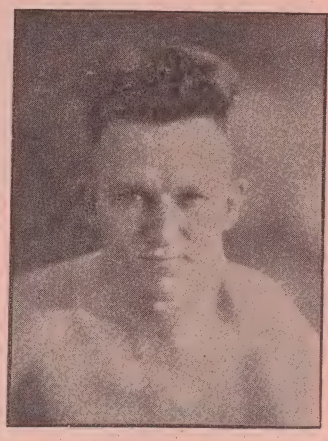

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New Crop of Wrestlers Coming Up Who Will Give the Topnotchers Lots of Opposition, Says Zbyszko

Former world's champion discusses abilities of rising young grapplers and predicts that they will be dangerous contenders for the title in another year—Considers Joe Pesek as one of the most promising—Manager Jack Herman tells story about Hindu matman who tried to be polite.

By GEORGE A. BARTON
(Sports Editor, Minneapolis Daily News)

George Barton has been sporting editor of the Minneapolis Daily News for about 15 years. Mr. Barton is himself an excellent amateur boxer and all round athlete. He is a state boxing referee and has officiated at most of the big bouts staged in Minnesota and the Northwest. Mr. Barton is regarded as one of the keenest judges of and most interesting writers on all sports in the Northwest.

STANISLAUS ZBYSZKO is authority for the statement that a splendid crop of wrestlers is coming up in the heavyweight class and predicts that Champion Strangler Lewis, Earl Caddock and himself will have plenty of opposition in the next year or two.

"John Freberg, while not a youngster, has not yet reached his peak in the wrestling game and is a dangerous contender for the championship," Zbyszko told the sporting editor of The Daily News while in Minneapolis: "He has the weight, strength, speed and general knowledge of the game that make him a topnotcher. Any wrestler who beats Freberg is lucky, that's all.

Pesek is Comer

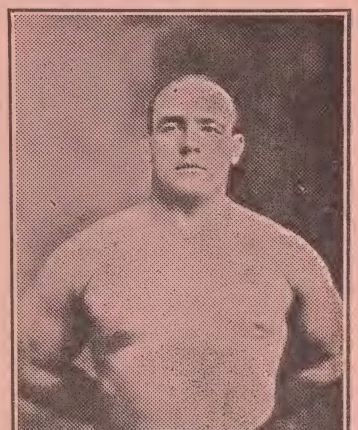
"Joe Pesek of Nebraska is a great wrestler and promises wonderful things in another year. He is lacking in weight, but is very fast, active and possesses a lion's heart. He proved this in his matches with Marin Plestina. Pesek weighed only 187 pounds when he wrestled Plestina last year, whereas the big Lithuanian tipped the scale around 230 pounds. Despite this difference in weight, Plestina could not do a thing with Pesek who outwrestled Plestina in both bouts. Plestina won the first match on a foul, while the second was called a draw after nearly three hours of struggling. Neither wrestler gained a fall in both matches. Personally, I believe Pesek will be the next champion.

"Then, there is Charley Hansen of Omaha. He weighs about 210 pounds and knows all the tricks and holds of wrestling. He's game, too, and ambitious. Hansen is a protege of Farmer Burns who thinks he is a sure enough champion. A match between Pesek and Hansen would be worth traveling miles to see.

"Charley Sorenson of Boston, Charley Eustace of Kansas City, Jack Taylor of Winnipeg, Ed Santell of San Francisco and Jimmie Londos of Chicago are other high class heavies.

"Plestina is a good defensive wrestler, but that lets him out. He is afraid to take a chance when opposed to a topnotcher and an athlete who refuses to take chances never gets anywhere. His style is not pleasing. The public craves action and Plestina refuses to give it to them. When he wrestled Pesek in Chicago last spring, Plestina spread himself out on the mat like a huge turtle and let Pesek work on him. His uninteresting matches with Pesek killed Plestina as a card in New York and Chicago.

George A. Barton



Stanislaus Zbyszko

"This boy, Fred Grebmire, who wrestled on the same card with Freberg and myself, impressed me as being a very promising matman. He is built like Joe Stecher and closely resembles the former champion in looks and wrestling tactics. Grebmire will bear watching, for with proper handling he will develop into a topnotcher in another year or two."

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Jack Herman, manager of Stanislaus Zbyszko, former world's heavyweight champion wrestler, tells a funny story concerning Manella, a Hindu wrestler now in the United States.

It seems that Manella and Goho-Gobar, another Hindu wrestler who appeared at the Gayety theater last spring, and Cyclops, a Polish wrestler, were advised by friends in Buffalo, N. Y., to attend a night school to better acquaint themselves with the English language.

Taught to Be Polite

The woman in charge of the class taught the big grapplers, among other things, that they must be polite. The first two times they attended classes the mastodons of the mat insisted upon wearing their hats. The teacher told them they must always remove their hats upon entering a room when ladies were present, should always remove their hats and bow when speaking to ladies in public places and to bid goodnight when leaving class or any other gathering.

The big fellows were eager to learn and did pretty well. One night Manella left his desk during the middle of the classwork, jammed his hat on his head and started for the door. The teacher, rather startled by his action, asked:

"Where are you going, Mr. Manella?"

"I go home," answered the Hindu.

"Why don't you wait till the class is over and then we'll all go together?" asked the teacher.

"No can wait," piped Manella, "Got

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Rules for Mixed Bouts Between Boxer and Wrestler

THE following rules for mixed bouts between a boxer and a wrestler were drawn up by Lou Cutler, former wrestler who is now a promoter of boxing and wrestling matches at Wichita, Kansas. While mixed bouts have not yet become widely popular, they have been held at various times in different parts of the world, and there has been much talk about and speculation as to what the outcome would be of such a bout between Jack Dempsey, world's heavyweight boxing champion, and Ed "Strangler" Lewis, champion wrestler of the world. These are the first rules ever formulated for such contests.

Article 1—The boxer must have soft bandages on his hands and wear 5 oz. gloves.

2—The boxer is allowed to hit as long as both men are on their feet.

3—The wrestler must leave his corner in a standing position and remain in this position until he has secured a hold that will put the boxer to the mat.

4—The wrestler must not attack the boxer while the former is on his knees, nor will the boxer be allowed to hit while wrestler is down. If one or both men are under the ropes or outside of the ring they must be called to the center of the ring and come to a standing position.

5—Should the wrestler throw the boxer to the mat, the boxer may then apply any holds he may know or protect himself as best he can, and may, if possible, pin the wrestler's shoulders to the mat.

6—The wrestler will not be allowed to hit the boxer with his bare hands or fists.

7—The strangle hold, butting and heeling are barred.

8—If the wrestler should remain on the mat for a period of 10 seconds while the boxer is on his feet he will be declared the loser.

9—The wrestler, to be declared the winner, must pin the boxer's shoulders to the mat for three seconds.

10—This contest is to be under the supervision of two judges and a referee, and the time limit is to be 30 minutes.

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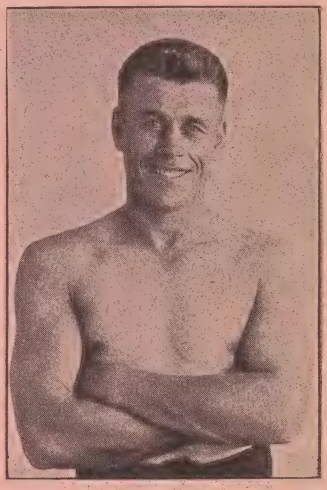

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Champion Ed "Strangler" Lewis With His Terrible Headlock Seems Invincible for Some Time to Come But There Are Many Young Mat Stars Coming Up Who Will Make Strong Bid for Title—John Pesek, Nebraska Tiger, Develops Grip That Downs All Who Are Caught in It—Zbyszko, Caddock and Other Veterans Still Going Good

By "Half Nelson"

WRESTLING promises to have its most successful season in all its long history this year. In the United States, wrestling matches are drawing larger crowds than ever before.

Ed "Strangler" Lewis' headlock continues to be the big feature in championship wrestling. By his application of this terrible hold the Kentuckian has become famous the world over. So long as he is permitted to apply it, just so long is he invincible. Lewis' sensational rise to fame is known to every mat fan. The percentage of falls that he has gained by his deadly headlock grip runs well up into the nineties.

A wrestling victory was never more popularly received than that of

EARL CADDOCK
Contender for World's Wrestling Title

Ed "Strangler" Lewis, over Stanislaus Zbyszko, the European giant, in Wichita, Kansas, last March. Since winning the title from Zbyszko, Lewis has defended his title again all comers. However, there are other good wrestlers coming to the front, and this makes very good competition. Some good wrestlers are being developed in the West.

Pesek Is Comer.

One of the leading contenders who is bound to make a name for himself, is John Pesek, the Nebraska "Tiger." Pesek has not lost a match in two years, and has posted five thousand dollars to meet any heavyweight wrestler in the world.

Pesek has developed a wonderful lock which he uses on all opponents. This is the double wrist lock. Once in the clutch of this hold the victim is helpless, and with the addition of the head scissors can be pressed to the mat.

Stanislaus Zbyszko, the former world's champion, is in wonderful condition this season and is ready to meet all comers. Wrestlers who have met Zbyszko all declare his strength is something beyond relief. Wallace Dugid, the giant wrestler from the Northwest, thinks Zbyszko is the strongest man in the world. A short time ago Dugid talked about certain wrestlers and said: "Some time ago I discussed the matter of strength with a certain wrestler who at one time or another worked out with Lewis, Caddock and Stanislaus Zbyszko. "Of these three," he said, "and all others, Zbyszko easily is the strongest. I believe he is stronger now than he was ten years ago. Lewis is strong enough, but even the Strangler hasn't the raw physical power of the famous Pole. I don't believe the world at large in any line has anyone else as strong as Stanislaus Zbyszko."

Earl Caddock, the Iowan, is said to be getting in shape and will meet all the heavyweight contenders this season.

Dick Daviscourt, the Texan, is making quite a record with the headlock. Daviscourt is one of the most aggressive grapplers in the game and can hold his own with the best. Daviscourt beat Waldek Zbyszko in Kansas City, and some time ago won a fall from Stanislaus Zbyszko in Boston. Daviscourt used his headlock in both matches.

College Champ is Rising Star.

Cliff Binkley, the former college star who hails from Columbus, Ohio, is coming to the top. Binkley has also developed a lock which he uses on all opponents. This is the body scissors.

Binkley has been putting in many a hard day's training this season and feels that he has a splendid chance to cop the wrestling title this winter. Allan Eustace, the Kansas giant, is hard at work training on his farm at Wakefield, Kansas. Eustace has been going like a house on fire of late.

Joe "Toots" Mondt, the Colorado cowboy, has been wrestling in the East, where he made a big hit. Mondt is one of the fastest and most aggressive grapplers in the game today, and many of the heavyweight grapplers are ducking him.

Wallace Dugid, the Canadian grappler, made a creditable showing against Ed "Strangler" Lewis in Kansas City a short time ago. The match was one of the fiercest ever staged under the management of Gabe Kaufmann, the famous Kansas City promoter. Kaufmann stated after the bout that Dugid made the champion extend himself at every stage of the bout, which lasted nearly two hours.

Foreign Grapplers Invade U. S.

Calza, the famous Italian wrestler, is in this country. Just how great Calza is will be demonstrated within the next few months. Whether he will be able to defeat the American grapplers remains to be seen.

GENE MELADY
Of Omaha, Manager of Earl Caddock

Anton Borsa, the Bohemian grappler, is also in the United States seeking matches. John Grandavich, the former Bohemian champion, is also seeking matches with all the top-notchers.

Gobar, the Hindu grappler, is training for some big matches he is expecting to sign up.

Jack Turner, the North Dakota grappler, is going after some big bouts this winter.

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Sentenced—"Judge, I believe you're stringing me."

Boxing Game Had Greatest Year in History.

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or around that date. As a drawing card, this very sensational and important battle should be the most attractive match in the history of Fistiana, especially financially. Dempsey and Carpentier drew $1,600,000 gate receipts but the big champion's conflict with the gigantic Brown Panther will probably run over the $2,000,000 mark.

If everything goes well with Dempsey, he will probably be pitted against Jess Willard on Labor Day, either in this city or over in Boyle's Thirty Acres in Jersey City. Willard's age would bar him from fighting in this state, so Jersey is the most likely battleground.

There will be open air boxing galore in New York City this coming summer. Among these open air arenas will be the new Yankee Baseball park, seating about 1,000,000 fans. The Republic club at the Polo Grounds the Velodrome, Ebbetts Field in Brooklyn, the Dykeman Oval club, and the Queensboro Club in the Long Island City section of greater New York.

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Success Comes to One Who Keeps Trying.

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and confident. His eyes blaze, but he does not lose his cautiousness. There is some sparring. Presently the Strangler leaps into the air and when he lands on his feet the head of his opponent is in the vise again, and the crowd knows that the match is all over but the last heroic scene. The defeated wrestler may struggle loose once or half a dozen times, but he is a pitiful personification of foredoomed defeat, as he stands, trying to realize what is going on facing the determined and now reckless champion. Lewis has no need of caution now. He leaps directly into his opponent's arms, clamps on the terrible lock in an instant, and the battle is fast and furious to the certain finish.

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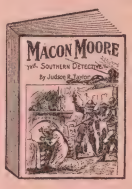

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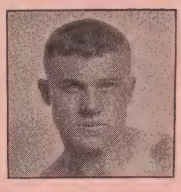

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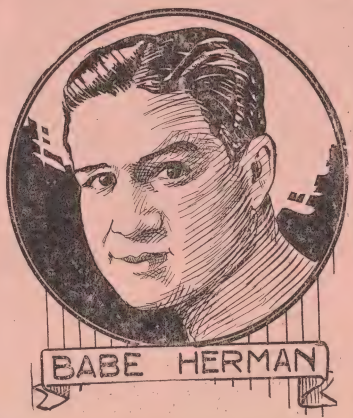

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Boxing Game Gaining in Southeast and Shows Are Proving Profitable to the Promoters and Boxers

Boom in Sport Attributed to Developing of Local Stars Who Are Regarded as Prospective Title Contenders in Several Classes—Many Good Boys Brought Out Including Young Stribling, Battling Budd, Tiger Flowers, Tim O'Dowd and Others

By Walk Miller, Atlanta, Ga.

Walk Miller is one of the leading boxing promoters and manager of boxers in the Southeast. In addition to his experience in these lines, he formerly published and edited Pugilistic News and in this capacity kept in close touch with boxing affairs throughout the Southeastern section.

REVIEWING the boxing game in the Southeastern section of the United States, the writer, who has studied the situation carefully at first hand covering a period of more than four years, finds that the sport is gaining ground every day and establishing a good foothold throughout the entire section. Especially is this true in several cities which heretofore have never been a profitable consideration on the part of either promoter or fighter. The reason for this new condition in the ALter .... cities referred to is easy to be ascertained. The fact is due to solely one cause, namely, that each town has turned out a prospective contender in one of the several classes as a local favorite and in each instance the local product has so far been able to attract a gathering of fans of sufficient magnitude to make the promoting of boxing there profitable to a promoter.

Walk Miller

Atlanta, the New York of the South, which has always staged shows, has enjoyed a profitable year, and the writer, who is responsible for all things fistic staged in the "Gate City," anticipates an even better season in 1923. Many boxers are making Atlanta their headquarters, due to its very central geographical situation when compared to other fight cities of the South.

Three Southern Comers.

During the past twelve months at least three of the local colony of mitt pushers have established themselves as real serious contenders in their respective classes.

Tiger Flowers, colored middleweight, has defeated every middleweight he has met during the year including such prominent fighters as Andy "Kid" Palmer, Eddie Palmer, Billy Britton, Frankie Murphy, Jimmy Barry, Gorilla Jones, Battling Gahee, and many others.

Battling Budd, lightweight, has also come to the front in a flash in the lightweight class, and is undoubtedly the best attraction Atlanta now boasts of. He has defeated such boys as Eddie Hanlon, Red McLeachin, Young Stribling, Young Corbett, Mel Coogan, Joe Welling, and has fought two draws with the terrific hitting "Red" Herring, besides going eight rounds against Sailor Freidman, who outweighed him eight pounds. In this bout he lost by a close decision.

Tim O'Dowd, bantamweight, who comes from the ranks of the Atlanta newsboys, has steadily forged his way to the front and now holds a commanding position in his class. O'Dowd has shown against some of the world's best bantams, and while he has lost a few decisions during the year, he has always been in there banging away at the sound of the final gong. He has met such well known bantams as Pal Moore, Sammy Sandow, (twice), Johnny McCoy (twice), Claude Wilson (twice), Bobby Hughes (twice), Young Jack Sharkey, Young Jack Dempsey, and many of the lesser lights in the bantamweight class.

Birmingham, Ala. ("The City of Iron"), has been packing them to the doors whenever their new flyweight sensation, Claude Wilson, appeared. The same thing is true of the hard-hitting "Red" Herring, who is now making Birmingham his headquarters.

Makes Remarkable Record.

Wilson has made a most remarkable record since turning professional this year and has been pitted against many of the South's best bantams. He has never gotten anything worse than a draw in any of his matches with his heavier opponents, and he has defeated every flyweight he has met. A good estimate as to this boy's class can be gained by glancing over the list of names of the fighters Wilson has traded punches with. The Birmingham sensation has fought Frankie Mason, Aston Donza (twice), Jimmy Katz, Tim O'Dowd (twice), Little Jeff and Kid Lavigne. "Red" Herring has fought successfully nearly every southern lightweight and welterweight during the past year and has scored knockouts over such boys as Pete Choike, Willie Fitzgerald, and Larra Avera.

The success of Birmingham as a boxing center is due largely to the efforts of Tommy Tompkins, matchmaker for the Birmingham Athletic Club, who also has Wilson in charge.

Macon, Georgia, has loomed up as a good fight town under the guidance of W. L. ("Pa.") Stribling, who makes all the matches for the thriving little Georgia city and runs his shows under the auspices of the Joseph Neel Post of the American Legion. "Pa." also happens to be the proud father of the sensational Macon wonder-boy, Young Stribling, who began boxing as a featherweight a little more than a year ago, and has defeated every man he has met with the exception of Battling Budd in the lightweight class and Dick Leonard in the featherweight class, to whom he lost decisions. It is well to add in passing that he met both these boys later and won decisions over them both, which fact gives him a clean slate. Stribling has grown so fast that it has been impossible to keep him in any one class long enough to call him anything except a sensation. He is now just eighteen years old and is fighting and defeating middleweights. The writer would not be surprised within another year to see him the ranking fighter for a title match with Jack Dempsey. Some of the better known men whom Stribling has defeated in his triumphant march to the top are Jake Abel, Red Herring, Larry Avera, Battling Budd, Freddie Boorde, Jack Denham, Joe Matranga, Young Murullo, Young Wallace, Jimmy Conway, Fearless Ferns, Joe Marks, Jimmy King, Rabbit Palmer, and many of the lesser lights.

Good Offers From Havana.

Havana, Cuba, is now offering good purses to the leading southern fighters, notwithstanding that information to the contrary has been sent out from there from time to time. Young Stribling is a prime favorite down there, as he has defeated both Young Wallace and Young Murullo at Havana.

The writer has several attractive offers from Havana which he expects to close for the first part of the new year. These offers are for matches for Tiger Flowers, Battling Budd, and Eddie Civil. Especially good offers have been made for the services of Flowers and Budd, who are considered the best men in their respective

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NEW WRESTLERS LOOK GOOD, SAYS ZBYSZKO

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terrible damn appetite and must go home and cook lampchops. Good night, good night," chirped the Hindu as he doffed his kelly and bowed his way through the door.

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Jack Herman, by the way, is a unique figure in the sporting world. He has been identified with boxing and wrestling for 33 years. Herman managed Frank Erne, former world's lightweight champion; Kid McPartland, another great lightweight; Oscar Gardner, the "Omaha Kid;" Tommy Dixon, "Mysterious Billy," Smith and Matty Mathews.

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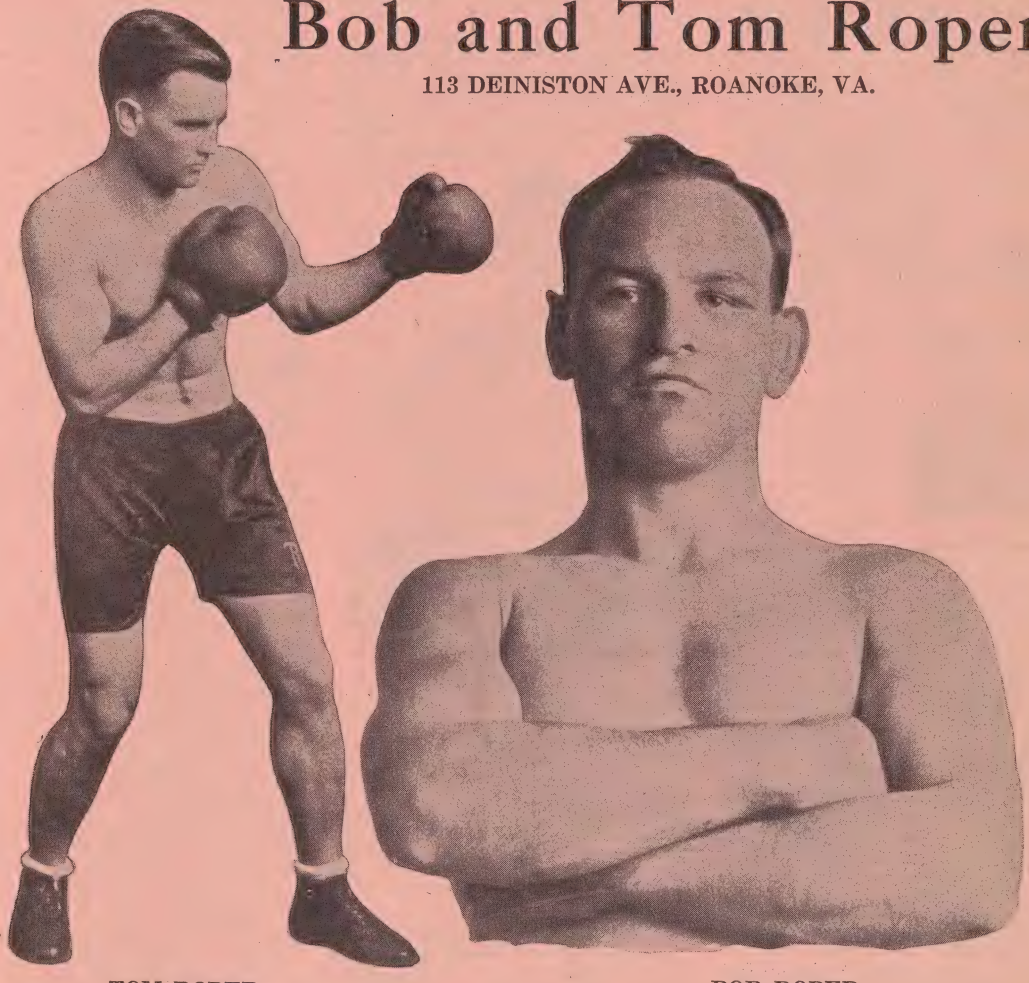

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Leonard-Tendler, Mitchell-White Fights Stand Out as Most Thrilling 1922 Battles in the East

Throng of 75,000 See Lightweight Champion in Narrow Escape From Losing Title to Challenger—Benny's Headwork and Ready Tongue Enable Him to Pull Through After Being Almost Out in Eighth Round and He Finishes Ahead on Points in 12 Rounds—Richie Mitchell in First Start of Comeback Is Stopped in Tenth Round After Having Charley White on Verge of Knockout Twice During Bout

BY CLARENCE S. GILLESPIE

Clarence S. Gillespie, New York City ring critic and correspondent for the Boxing Blade, has had long and varied experience in the boxing game. He was for many years boxing editor of the National Police Gazette. He also is manager of well known boxers. Mr. Gillespie is ranked with the leading writers on boxing matters.

NEW YORK CITY—There have been several great battles in the East during 1922 but the two that stand out and that will be long remembered were the Leonard-Tendler 12-round bout at Jersey City last July 27th, and the Richie Mitchell-Charley White 15-round bout at the Garden, New York City, Dec. 15th.

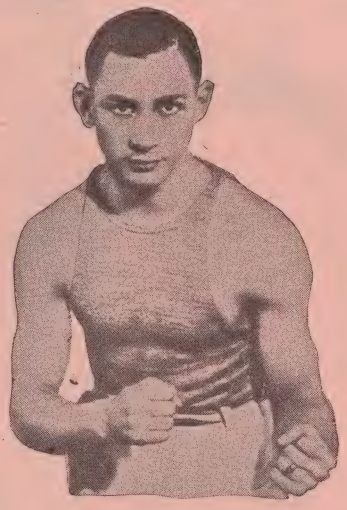
Clarence S. Gillespie

For an instant in the eighth round of the now historic Leonard-Tendler combat the 75,000 spectators — second largest crowd in the history of boxing — crowded into Boyle's 30 acres arena at Jersey City, were slowly getting on their feet to applaud a new champion. They saw the bronze-skinned Philadelphian stagger Benny with two lefts, the first to the pit of the stomach and the second a quick lift of the southpaw punch to the chin. Benny was ready to crumple up from the unexpected onslaught but his ever ready brain came to the rescue. His unsteady legs strengthened by command of the old noodle, Benny lunged forward and grabbed Tendler around the body and held on for dear life. The big moment had arrived and everybody gasped in astonishment as they saw Benny pull another bout out the fire of what looked like sure defeat. Charley White almost had him out two years ago and Leonard knocked White out. Richie Mitchell came near spilling him from his title throne only to be stopped later in the bout.

Not since the Willie Ritchie-Leach Cross 10-round no-decision contest in Madison Square Garden during the Frawley Law days, was there a better lightweight championship bout than the 12 sensational sessions fought on the memorable evening of July 27 when Leonard successfully defended his 135-pound laurels against the left-handed smashes of the only real contender in the class.

Had Narrow Escape

Leonard was entitled to the decision but he didn't win by a city block as some experts would lead one to believe. It took him eight or nine rounds to solve lefty Lew's awkward style, although he said in advance that southpaws were made to order for him, and his uphill scrapping in the last four stanzas saved him from inglorious defeat. I believe had the encounter been scheduled for 15 instead of 12 rounds that Leonard would have stopped Lew. The champ had the contender in very bad shape in both the eleventh and twelfth and softened for a sure trip to slumberland.



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Gross receipts	$364,548.00
Net receipts	298,267.20
Paid admissions	44,920
Leonard's share	114,832.87
Tendler's share	71,584.12
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State and Federal tax	66,280.80
Leonard received 62½ per cent	
Expenses	?

out of which he paid Tendler 24 per cent of the net, leaving him 38½ per cent.

The setting for the second "battle of the century" couldn't have been improved upon. The Jersey City officials gave Promoter Tex Rickard a million dollars' worth of protection both inside and outside of the vast bowl, and there wasn't a kick forthcoming. There were very few $16.50 seats left, the $10 and $7 ducats were completely sold out but the cheaper seats at $2 and $3 didn't take so well.

It was estimated that several thousand "crashed" but it couldn't be helped under the circumstances. The 700 ushers and as many police and firemen inside the structure did a big man's job and they deserve special mention.

The crowd came as early as 7 o'clock, after the boys in the coop had been seated, and ticket takers at the many entrances encountered little or no trouble. It was an orderly mob; just like a packed house on a first night in a theatre.

The crowd didn't cheer either man much when Joe told them who they were by pointing to their corners. They wanted action. As shifty Lew planted a left to Benny's face as a starter a great cheer went up. The Philly delegation in back of Tendler's corner howled in delight as their idol rushed the champ, hitting him freely with rights and lefts. After a break from the first clinch Tendler unintentionally butted Benny in the right eye, opening a gash from which blood flowed profusely. Tendler was fighting furiously at the bell and he walked back to his corner with a confident air. Charley Leonard and Gibson worked hard to close the cut.

Tendler Is Aggressive

Tendler charged again in the second inflicting some little punishment on the boss. He landed heavy lefts to jaw and poked Benny's head back with a right. Benny complained that Tendler was butting him and this made Lew say "come on and fight." Frequent clinches carried the pair around the ring. Tendler sunk a left a bit low and Gibson hollered. Leonard crowded his man into a corner and sent several rights to the body. As the bell was about to sound Leonard crashed a short right to the face.

The Quaker held the upper hand in the next two sessions to the dismay of Benny's admirers. Benny couldn't gauge his opponent's style. In the

third round Benny grabbed something loose in his mouth and hurled it through the air. It was not until the fifth that Benny began to make any kind of showing. He got the right hand going and planted it once or twice on Lew's jaw. They didn't seem to have any sting behind them for Lew kept crowding the champ. Tendler's lip was cut by a right hand smash. It was a fast session and Benny for the first time emitted a smile. It was give and take for the next four stanzas and the milling was fast, so that we could hardly keep track of the blows. We did see, however, that Lew's body punches were beginning to tell on Benny. They were terrible punches, murderous blows, but Benny stood up under the bombardment like a real ring general. He proved beyond a question of a doubt that he could take it, reports to the contrary notwithstanding.

Lew Tendler

After Benny weathered the terrific storm in the eighth he went out to win by himself. He smashed through Lew's defense and for the first time showed he possessed the class of a real champion. His left jabs kept Lew at bay and whenever he saw an opening shot in the right with telling effect. In the 11th, Glassman wanted to give his boy smelling salts but Lew waved the bottle to one side, as much as to say, "I'm not hurt." Benny stung Lew in the last session very badly but Tendler was right there at the finish, a bit groggy but full of fight.

The boys exchanged considerable repartee during the scrap. In the momentous eighth when Benny was plainly hurt he "conned" himself out of a knockout. According to Tendler, the champ accused him of being a bum and not fighting fairly and Lew's rejoinders were "Why don't you fight instead of squawking?"

There wasn't much money lost only some of the boys who took 2 to 1 that Leonard would win by a knockout were most surprised. They played 1 to 3 on the decision. Most of the New York and Philadelphia experts agreed on Leonard as the winner. Jim Corbett, who hasn't been right in a long, long time, thought Tendler was entitled to the decision.

Lest we forget, Harry Ertle's work as referee was highly commendable. He did as much as Benny and Lew to make it a great scrap.

White-Mitchell is Thriller

The greatest battle of the season. That's what the experts said of the Charley White-Richie Mitchell contest at the Garden, December 15, 1922. Nearly out, and down for the count of nine in the first round, Mitchell came back and had White bleary eyed and on the point of a knockout several times during the next eight rounds only to be knocked down three times in the tenth when referee Patsy Haley called a halt with the Milwaukee boy beaten to a pulp, declaring White the winner. It was a battle of thrills and no credit can be taken away from Mitchell.

A clip to Mitchell's "glass" chin with that slapping left dropped him midway of the first round. He got up very weak, his mouth dripping blood. The smash had cut his lips. White bounded at him like a lean wolf, slashing away, and Mitchell backed into the ropes, his eyes staring. No one thought he could last the round out. At that moment White would have been 50 to 1 in the betting.

Bell Saves Richie

The bell seemed to save Mitchell from a sure knockout. The crowd settled back expecting the finish in the second.

White stepped out bold, confident, snapping that murderous left at Mitchell's chin. Suddenly Mitchell let go a wild right and it connected with White's jaw. It was a furious dying punch. The lean Chicagoan fell back, dazed, startled, and Mitchell piled in punching.

White was reeling, on the verge of falling insensible. It was such a punch as that with which Mitchell caught Benny Leonard, bringing himself close to the lightweight championship, when they fought at Anne Morgan's show.

The Chicagoan, veteran in ring craft, clinched. Mitchell shook him off and slammed away, but White got through the round. White's lips were shedding blood.

Mitchell carried the fight to White during the third round, trying to get over his right, but he seemed to be tiring. White, cool, collected, kept snapping that left hook to Mitchell's chin.

In the ninth, Mitchell, ghastly pale, his mouth open like a landed fish, rushed on White, throwing a wild right. It caught White on the chin. White's knees buckled and into his eyes came that unmistakable heavy expression that borders insensibility.

Mitchell, eager, wild, swarmed in on the staggering White, pounding, pounding with both hands. Through a flurry of dripping gloves suddenly shot White's danger-tipped left hand. It tipped Mitchell's chin, none too stout, and now Mitchell fell back dazed.

Crowd Goes Wild

The crowd, sensing the turn, had been up screaming as White reeled around. Now it screamed anew.

White, still punch sick, let go another left, and down went Mitchell in a pallid heap, the blood streaming down the corners of his mouth, like a man who had fallen with a hemorrhage.

He got up, weak. White, thin, snarling, vindictive looking, rushed at him. Mitchell clinched and White threw him to the floor with a furious angry shove. The crowd hissed. Mitchell was on his feet at the bell, but the finish was at the threshold.

The last round lasted two minutes and forty-nine seconds. It was pale and anemic beside the ninth round, the round when, Richie Mitchell put all he had into a final stand that will be talked of by the ring fans for many years.

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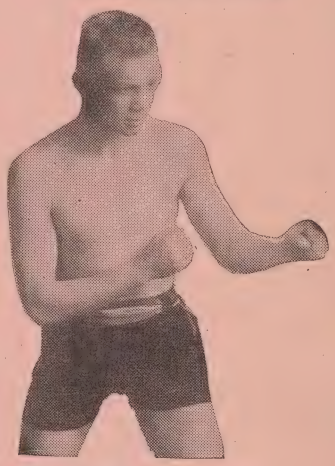

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Minnesota Promoters Fail to Make Money and Other Northwest Boxing Does Only Fair in 1922

Minneapolis shows turn in a loss—St. Paul club breaks even on year—Duluth promoter takes small profit—Tom Gibbons seems to have gone back since two years ago—Jim Delaney, Farmer Lodge, Stewart McLean and Emil Engberg make good records for year—Prospects for Northwest this year are fair.

BOXING in Minnesota during 1922 was not a success financially to the promoters in all three cities where the game is allowed.

St. Paul had two paying shows with the balance making a showing on the wrong side of the ledger. Altogether, they are reported to be even for the year.

Minneapolis finished on the wrong side of the ledger, the money received not equalling the expense. Reports are that they are loser about five grand on the year.

The Duluth club under the management of Ray Carnes will show a small profit for the year.

Tommy Gibbons started 1922 like a coming champion but was beaten by Harry Greb, losing a 15-round decision to his smaller opponent at Madison Square Garden last March. Since then Tommy lost on a foul to Miske in New York and later won a ten-round bout from Miske at St. Paul. Briefly, Tommy looked better as a championship contender during 1921 than at the finish of 1922. Tommy hit Miske with everything but did not even jar him.

Miske made a big spurt during the summer months but looked bad against Gibbons during their last bout in December.

Stewart McLean Going Good

Murray McLean of St. Paul managed to keep all his boys busy during the season. His ace, Stewart McLean, had a big season and is still getting plenty matches. Stewart's only set back of the season was with Eddy Anderson at Minneapolis when Anderson knocked him out in seven rounds. Regardless of the K. O., McLean is a great little fighter and as dangerous as they go at 124.

Mike Gibbons had trouble with his right eye and retired from the ring June 1st after having had seven successful bouts during March, April and May. In September, Mike Gibbons and Mike Collins formed a partnership to handle a stable of boxers. Their first move was to buy Jim Delaney's contract from Billy Rhodes. The two Mikes paid $2,000 for Jim's agreement, then signed him up for five years. They also signed up over 20 other boxers around the Northwest, including Farmer Lodge, Ole Anderson, Johnny Tillman, Jack Josephs, Billy Sterns, Bud Logan, Johnny Noye Saph McKenna, Dandy Dillon and a dozen others. To date their stable has been very successful. All of them are kept busy in different parts of the country each week.

Jim Delaney proved to be a find for two grand. Since joining with the two Mikes, Jim has knocked out everyone he has met including Harry Krohn and Johnny Sudenberg.

Lodge has also battled 1000 with knockouts. Jack Josephs has been the busiest of the bunch having had 14 bouts on the north coast and in California since September.

Ole Anderson, former Pacific Coast heavy, is also busy some place nearly every week. Ole also has been winning all his bouts.

Logan, Sterns and Dillen have all been boxing regularly and getting away good. Tillman just joined with the two Mikes late in December but he is sure to be hitting the once a week schedule for the coming year.

STEWART McLEAN
St. Paul Featherweight

Johnny Ertle Does Well

Johnny Ertle, with Mike McNulty, has had a few bouts and looked fairly good. It is hoped that Johnny gets back in the shape he was in 1916. Johnny then was a great little fighter.

Jack Hurly, formerly of Fargo, N. D., has had a good season with his lightweight, Russie Leroy and his middleweight, Jack Bailey. Leroy has beaten all the lightweights that he boxed during the year and Bailey also had a big winning streak. Hurly is now located in St. Paul and should do well with his boxers this coming season.

Jimmy Potts opened up one of the biggest and most up-to-date gymnasiums in the country at Sixth and Hennepin in the center of Minneapolis. To say that Jimmy is doing well, is putting it lightly. Good authority says that he is coining money.

Emil Engberg, Minneapolis light heavyweight, made a nice record for the season, knocking out most of his opponents; Ole Anderson being the only one to give him a hard fight. Ole getting some of the newspaper decisions. Engberg looks like a comer.

Northwest Prospects Fair

Clubs have been running regularly throughout Iowa at Sioux City, Fort Dodge, Des Moines, Clinton and Davenport, all drawing fairly well.

Montana, throughout the state, has been staging about three or four shows a week.

North Dakota has had shows regularly at Fargo, Grand Forks, Mandan, Minot and Bismarck. Also many small boxing shows were staged monthly throughout the state.

Winnipeg, Canada, had a few good houses, finishing last summer with a couple of bad shows that laid them off for several months. Winnipeg is a good boxing locality but it seems to lack local talent, also a local promoter.

All in all, boxing in the Northwest has been fair for 1922 with fair prospects for 1923.

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BOXING IS GAINING IN THE SOUTHEAST

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classes in the Southeastern section.

Columbus, another of the smaller Georgia cities in which boxing has never proved profitable, has forged its way to the front in the past year with Hugh Martin holding the reins there as promoter. Kid Peck, Lukie Tenner, Gene Poyner, and Kid Earle, are the Columbus entries. Peck was considered the best featherweight in this section until he encountered the rugged Lukie Tenner of Charlestown, S. C., who twice knocked Peck out and now Tenner is the big drawing card at Columbus which is productive of one thousand and fifteen hundred dollar gates to see these boys in action.

Charleston, Savannah, and Nashville have not done so well with the matches staged within their limits during the past year. None of them has produced a fighter of sufficient class to be in the contender class. The colored shows at Nashville have been well attended, Mr. Milton Starr being the promoter. Mr. Starr runs his shows in his own theatre and stacks them to the doors at every show.

The writer's selection of leading contenders in the different classes in this section for the past year are as follows:

Joe White, heavyweight; Jack Denham, light-heavyweight; Young Stribling, middleweight; Larra Avera, welterweight; Battling Budd, junior welter; "Red" Herring, lightweight; Lukie Tenner, junior lightweight; Freddie Boorde, featherweight; Tim O'Dowd, bantamweight; Claude Wilson, flyweight.

The Old Timer's Warble

I used to be a bug for sports some 30 years ago;
I followed sport of every sort and watched the passing show;
I never missed a big event pulled off in bygone days,
For all old time stars were there a hundred different ways.

But somehow I have lost my pep, and maybe it's my age,
I crab at lots of bunk I read upon the sporting page.
For when a bird sits down and writes about the stars today,
I dream of bygone games and fights and toss the sheet away.

They say that Alexander is the greatest of them all,
They class him as the brightest star that ever heaved a ball,
But say, I can't agree with that; I've seen 'em all, and hell—
This Alex never had a thing on Rusie or Waddell.

I read about the fighters, too, and while they may be fast,
The pugs today don't compare with those of the past.
This Dempsey is a tough guy with poison in his mitts,
But he would crumple up and die in front of good old Fitz.

And it's the same in every line as far as I can see,
The title holders of the time don't look so good to me.
They may be pert and all of that, but say, believe me bo—
They cannot hold a candle to the stars of long ago.

—Jack Bruce, Minneapolis. Minn.

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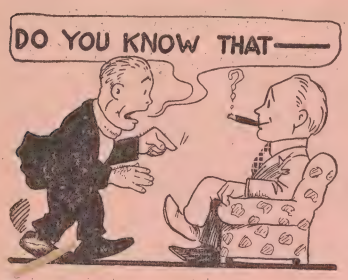

JACK DEMPSEY did not fight during 1922.

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Jack wanted to fight but they wouldn't let him.

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Johnny Kilbane did not fight during 1922.

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Johnny wanted to, and so did all the commissions want him to, but Johnny only wanted 110 per cent of the gross with a guarantee of $100,000,000, and 98 per cent of the picture rights—also the peanut concession.

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Kilbane is still featherweight champion, but he cannot live forever, which is some consolation.

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Tex Rickard is still king of the promoters and other things.

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Anyhow Leo Flynn's big stable of fighters has not been doing so well since King Leo was let out as matchmaker at the Garden.

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But even at that Leo put over a few, for instance that Norfolk with Wills and that Brennan with Tracey, etc.

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Floyd Fitzsimmons did not burn up the world promoting at Michigan City last year.

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Floyd was burned up at the Governor of Indiana when his Brennan and Dempsey show was called a fight and stopped.

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Floyd would have been ahead if he burned up the whole business.

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It's a great life if you don't weakone.

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Great pains from little corns grow.

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Georges Carpentier and his wild-eyed manager, Descamps, did a little too much monkeying around with a certain Battling Siki.

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Siki broke all agreements, if there were any, and knocked the pretty Georges into a cocked hat in the sixth frame.

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Siki later said that it was in the third that he made up his mind to beat Georges. Up to the third, Georges, they say, was showing for the pictures.

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Siki fixed up the remainder of the picture to suit himself. He says that after the third round something came over him and he right then and there decided to take the leading part of the picture program, and he did. Yes, he nearly ruined poor pretty Georges.

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Now, Carpentier is ex-light heavy champion and Siki (all because he decided to take the leading part in the picture) is WORLD'S LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPION OF THE WORLD.

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We will now sing that little ballad entitled "They are not doing it that way this year."

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Harry Greb stepped into the Garden last year against Tom Gibbons, for a 15-round tilt. Some of the boys were laying 2 to 1 that Tom would cop. The wise ones called all the Tom money. Harry won in a walk and has been winning ever since.

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Gibbons at that time was one of the world's greatest attractions having scored 21 straight knockouts. Greb was a good fighter but not so attractive.

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Gibbons received $12,500, and Greb received $17,500.

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Generally the best attraction receives the best money, but of course that is their own business.

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Anyone can be a philanthropist, but few in the fight game will acknowledge that they accidentally or unknowingly or otherwise became entitled to the big word.

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"Blest be the tie that binds," said the cross-cut sawyers on the section gang.

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The only thing (pugistically speaking) that Johnny Wilson did in '22 was a little Fourth of July party he put on away up in Rutland, Vermont.

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Vermont being the only state that Wilson was not barred in, Johnny showed his appreciation by spending the national holiday there.

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We wonder where Siki will spend Christmas and his other holidays.

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Mickey Walker stepped into the welter title at the Garden last season. The commission called off all bets before the show. Walker won and is now king of the class.

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Pinky Mitchell won the Junior Welter championship through the Boxing Blade on a voting contest among the boxing fans of the world. The contest lasted six months, 766,000 votes were cast and Pinky won over twenty other 140-pounders by a majority of 40,800.

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Pinky won a beautiful diamond-studded belt, but according to rules will be forced to give it away to the first 140-pounder who beats him.

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Benny Leonard and his lightweight title had a busy and serious season—his rubber business bad, his boxing business good—a few close shaves—still in the ring, and still lightweight champion.

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Billy Gibson, his manager, never got touched—much.

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Johnny Kilbane made a trip to Europe. The foreigners did not fall for Johnny's stuff. He returned; was barred; re-barred; and now "is as was."

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Well, if Johnny was good enough for our forefathers he is good enough for us.

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And it came to pass.

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Joe Lynch invested about thirty grand in a fracas with Johnny Buff last summer at New York. Joe knocked Johnny for enough ash cans to entitle him to the 118-pound championship.

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Since Joe got to be champ he won a few and lost some. A boy called Muldoon rules that Joey was not good enough to fight at the Garden, notwithstanding the fact that Joe was champion of the world.

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Of course, this boy Muldoon is now close to 80 and is an old boy.

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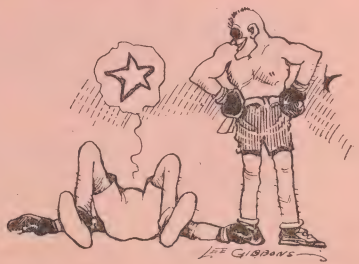
Jimmie Wilde was very tame during '22.



Jimmie did not fight once last year. Same about equals the amount of money spent foolishly by James during his fighting career.

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Now we will return to the United States.

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Darn a doctor who can't write a prescription.

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John Kilmartin, sub commissioner last year at Omaha, did some supervising and some fighting also. John lost a decision to Referee Shea. Kilmartin claimed a foul but was overruled by Shea.

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Phil Glassman at Philadelphia only handles the fight business as a side line.

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Phil's side line without Lew Tendler would not be worth much.

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Bobby Barrett was knocked a few times for a few bowls of goulash but his Dougherty manager still insists he is of championship timber.

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Rocky Kansas retired in the middle of a bout with Leonard last summer and now heralds the news that he is better than ever.

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He is perhaps better acquainted with Leonard.

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Charley White had a good year with his left hook.

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Jock Malone won Bryan Downey's Ohio title, then two weeks later lost it on a foul in 5 rounds to Bob Sage at Detroit, Michigan. Then Sage went back to school "so there!"

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Jimmy Clabby is home at Hammond and Larney Lichenstein is still at the Morrison Hotel.

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Sid Barbarian has beaten every fighter who dared fight him at Detroit.

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Sid is a real Barbarian in the ring.

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Tut Jackson and Fred Fulton several terms rehearsed the well known song entitled "Now, I Lay Me Down to Sleep."

Practice makes perfect and the boys sure got plenty practice during 1922.

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James J. Delaney the St. Paul light heavyweight boxing ghost forced Harry Greb to say "no."

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Dan (Tex) Lackey, the Oklahoma Giant Boxing promoter has had a big season. Dan is as big as the successful season he has had. Yes, Dan is both big and good.

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Nothing is too big for Lackey. He is the biggest promoter in the West and can show all the eastern ones.

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A blind pig never squeals.

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Denver took the cake for funny decisions of the year, with New York running a close second.

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Jay Thomas, the genial fight manager of Kansas City, had a big season during 1922 and looks for a record breaker in 1923.

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Reckless Ray Alvis recklessly says he may quit the fight game in '23.

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Perlie McBride of Minneapolis swears that the saloons will again open. Anyhow, Perlie is still waiting.

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Many a bride takes her husband's name in vain.

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Bill Sailor's heart is still bleeding for Mike Gibbons and Mike Collins.

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Oh! How the sec. from the deep blue sea loves those boys and how mutual it all is.

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Charley Harvey, the New York wholesale importer of English fighters, had a big year. Charley took care of Ted Kid Lewis in his bout at London with Carpentier. He has a great fighter in Billy Wells, and Charley himself is one grand fellow.

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Jess Willard spent the last six months of 1922 trying to make the public believe he was ready for a bout with Jack Dempsey.

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Jess started at Los Angeles and got as far as Portland. The big fellow is still at it.

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Jess is ready all right—so was he ready at Toledo on July 4th, 1919.

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Jess sure caught a good game for three innings at Toledo. He never missed a thing in the first round, did well the second and third, but refused to play in the fourth. Jack pitched altogether too fast for Jess.

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And they say that Jack is pitching faster than ever this season.

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Oh you Jess and Jack!

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Jack Curley spent the summer in France.

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One-eyed Connelly lost his gate crashing title at Jersey City last year.

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But the one-eyed ex-champion is still at it.

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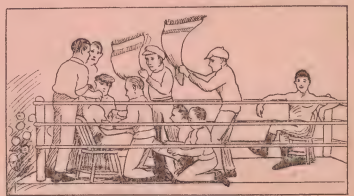
A strategist is a guy that stands on the edge of a crap game and hopes for the cops to come so he can grab the greenbacks.

How to Tell the World

SAY, Pop, if you had a boxing story you would like the boys to hear,
How would you tell it to 'em so they all would get it clear?
You could send it to the papers, they would tell the city folk,
And to the Farmers' Weekly Journal to liven up the bloke.
You could holler it in radio, that would surely make it go,
But with all those different agents I'm afraid you would be shy,
For stories change sometimes, because the writer fears some guy,
And that's the way some stories get twisted all around—
Why, the author wouldn't know them if ever they were found.

Well, kid, if I had a story about the game of give and take,
A story that I'd want to tell just for boxing's sake;
Some story I would not want changed before it was unfurled,
I'd give it to the Boxing Blade, for I know they'd tell the world.
—Jack Carroll, St. Paul, Minn.



Ring Game Expected to Pick up in Philadelphia This Year When New Administration Takes Reins

Only Two Out of Seven Clubs in City Are Able to Keep on Right Side of Ledger—Only Twenty Boxers Work Monthly at Big Clubs Where 100 Worked Formerly—Uniform Legislation to Give Promoter, Boxer and Fan Square Deal Promised

By WILLIAM H. ROCAP
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PHILADELPHIA—On March 22, 1894, the late George Dixon and Jack McAuliffe, both world's champions in their respective classes, came to Philadelphia on a bit of missionary work which has never been effaced. There had been no boxing in this city for eight years. Many people were out of employment, especially in the mill district of Kensington. There was a bread and soup line from early morn until late at night in front of the various charitable organizations. We conceived the idea of giving a Bread Fund benefit, and the professional boxers and wrestlers of the East were asked to give it support.

W. H. Rocap

The late governor of Pennsylvania, Edwin T. Stuart, was the mayor of Philadelphia. He was appealed to in order that the show should receive official sanction. He gave his consent with the proviso that the then Captain of Police, Robert J. Linden, should sit at the ringside and when his hand went up a bout was to be stopped.

Dixon and McAuliffe were the first to volunteer. The former world's featherweight champion left a sick bed in Boston to honor his word to the Philadelphia committee. He met the Kentucky Rosebud in what was to have been a four-round exhibition. In the second round the Rosebud shot a right across. It landed on a vulnerable spot and Dixon was knocked out, the first time in his career. After he was revived the committee made the Rosebud finish the other two rounds in an exhibition with Dixon. Yes, made him. If he had dishonored the pact a second time he would have never put on another boxing glove. The colored section was ready to carve him up.

Dixon Refuses Money

The next morning we visited Dixon at his hotel and tendered him a check to cover all his expenses to and from Boston and for medical attendance. He refused to accept a penny. Looking us straight in the eye he said, "Give it to those poor souls who need food. Let it be my contribution. My bout, I know, was a disappointment. You can repay me by getting me a match with the Rosebud." They went to the post several times, and in each instance Dixon gave him an artistic lacing.

Oh, yes! We forgot to say that the hand of the superintendent of police never went up during the show. We were told by him that it was a corking show.

Promptly the next morning we reported to Mayor Stuart, as it had been our promise, and he assured us everything was all right. It is a faithful history of how boxing received a new start in Philadelphia. It has gone along unmolested for the last twenty-eight years. No politics. Conducted along the lines laid down by the municipal officers in charge who have all exhibited a friendliness toward the sport.

Again Faces Crisis

Now it has again reached a crisis. Where there were seven clubs all prosperous there are now only two which can show a profit on the right side of the ledger. The Arena and Cambria clubs are the present survivors. Olympia, a magnificent building with a seating capacity of 4,500, built expressly for boxing, went behind to the tune of $30,000 simply through the greed of boxers. One man with Lew Tendler at the top corralled all the stars. For a while he wrote his own ticket. It is said he has written his last until conditions change. He demanded $1,200 of a $2,000 house for one of his stable, a third-class man, and got it. It rang down the curtain for Mr. Promoter. Olympia was absorbed by the Arena, formerly the Ice Palace. It is now owned by Jules E. Mastbaum, president of the Stanley Motion Picture Company of America, who is permitting the Olympia management to give shows there twice each month at a substantial rental. The Arena can accommodate 9,500 fans. It was crowded on Thanksgiving Day. For the first time in its history every seat was sold. On December 11, the second show, the Arena was about three-fourths filled. Its third show was billed for Christmas afternoon.

National Club Revived

Immediately prior to Jack McGuigan's death a corporation of business men took over the National Athletic club. More than $12,000 was spent bringing the club up to date. The seating arrangements were changed and 4,400 numbered seats give the occupants an unobstructed view of the ring. The corporation relieved Jack McGuigan, whose life was slowly ebbing away, of all financial responsibility. A fund was created which not only gave him immediate assistance, but assured his widow $15 each week for a period of four years.

The National club is rated as being the oldest boxing club in the United States for continuous service. It has served the public continuously for more than twenty years. Now a new corporation is about to take it over with the dawn of the new year and its future looks bright again.

Greed for coin by unscrupulous boxers and their managers has temporarily throttled the sport in Philadelphia. A score of boxers have been given a rest. Some of their managers, chafing because the flow of coin has stopped, have taken up a new game, "bootlegging." One of the most prosperous has allied himself with a distillery which turns out alcohol over night. He has been shaken down once and he is promised another before Christmas. When his bank book is balanced he will likely find boxing, even with its moderate purses, the more compensatory of the two.

New Deal Promised

It is only a temporary strangle hold on the game here. There is to be a new governor of the state shortly. Director of Public Safety Cortelyou, who holds the check rein on the sport in Philadelphia, promises to use his best offices to secure uniform legislation throughout the state whereby boxer, manager and fan alike may receive equitable treatment.

In the meanwhile only twenty boxers are working a month at the big clubs instead of more than 100 under the old conditions. Their folly has insured the enforced rest.

With business men in charge, 1923 promises to give Philadelphia fans the real sport and with the game kept clean as it has been for the last twenty-eight years.

The Seasons Greetings to all the Boys

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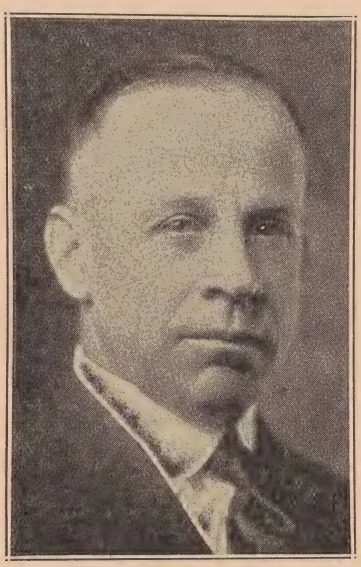

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Southwest Ideal Section to Stage Boxing Shows and Would Prove an El Dorado For Real Promoter

Contests Can Be Put on There Outdoors Any Day Throughout Year—Boxing Center of Texas Is at Juarez in Mexico Across Rio Grande From El Paso—Topnotchers Needed to Put Game on Paying Basis—Old Sam Langford Still Popular and Tiger Flowers, Negro Middleweight Is Best Drawing Card—Joe Rivers, Mexican Featherweight Looks Like Find

By Hy Schneider
(Sports Editor, El Paso Times)

Hy Schneider is considered one of the best authorities on ring matters in the Southwest. He started in the newspaper game at Hudson, Wis., on the old Observer, back in 1907. He joined the El Paso Times in 1909, and has been sports editor for that paper since. Schneider is ranked with the leading writers in the game.

EL PASO, Texas—When El Paso has a cloudy day, the weather man makes a liar out of the writer, for, at the head of The Times sports pages a line is printed as folclas: "The sun is shining for you of day in El Paso." But, all in all, e chief of the "Elemental Dispenary" has been kind to us because in 1921 he furnished but two days in the entire year that were all-cloudy —days on which the sun did not shine at all—and the year of 1922 was an all-sunshine year save for three days, up to December 15.

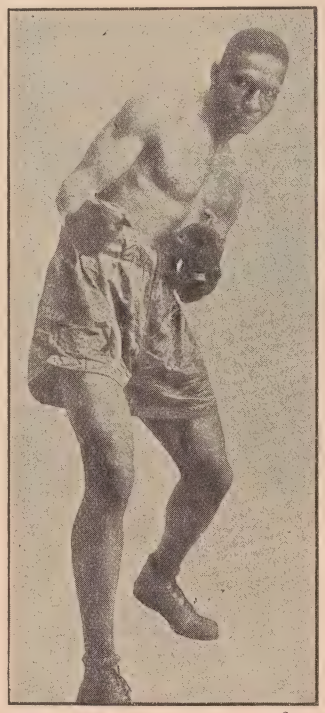
This means the writer has "lied" five times in all—once each cloudy day—over a stretch of two years, or about 715 days. This sunshine statement is made an the authority of the chief of the weather bureau in El Paso. It is a fact. The statistics are backed up by records on file in the bureau headquarters.

El Paso is truly "The Pass City of the North," or Paso Del Norte, the gateway into Mexico through Juarez, a lively little Mexican city of twenty-three to twenty-five thousand. El Paso is a city between 85,000 to boxe[illegible] large percentage of which asked to [illegible]exican-American, Spanish-The[illegible]ican or all-Mexican or all-Edw[illegible]ish peoples.

Phi[illegible]t first glance, boxing promoters or[illegible]other sections might consider El offi[illegible] and Juarez a ripe spot for a live sent[illegible]otorial establishment. It is! At Ca[illegible]he same time, it is a live spot for a financial risk for the reason that all boxing must be promoted in Juarez, or just beyond the Rio Grande in Mexico. Later on, Fort Bliss may return to the sport. Juarez, old timers will remember, is the spot Jack Curley and Tom Jones once selected—back in '15—to stage the Jess Willard-Jack Johnson match for the world's heavyweight championship, which, eventually, was staged in Havana, Cuba.

Ideal Spot for Big Contests

Curley and Jones have proved from time to time that they possess promotorial brains. The fact that they once selected El Paso and Juarez for the scene of an important heavyweight championship match should impress other big promoters that El Paso and Juarez have something besides perfect



TIGER FLOWERS
Negro Middleweight, Who is Big Card in South.

climate to recommend the introduction of major fistic attractions—perhaps a heavyweight boxing match.

In a nutshell, it is entirely within the limit of reasonableness to stage a boxing contest out-of-doors in El Paso any day in the year—so long as the match is put on in the afternoon, before sundown. Night-time fights, of course, would have to be staged within doors—the evenings being exceptionally cool by comparison with the temperature during the sun hours.

So much for the introduction of our fight fan friends of the world to our city in a weather vane capacity.

With all our natural advantages, we have been afflicted in a large part for the past year with a number of miserable pugilistic contests within the hempen square. We have had some good fighters and some bad ones and we have had some fighters who were not fighters at all.

Up until a few years ago, through intelligent promotorial methods, with high-class sportsmen boxing, the "gates" ran to approximately four thousand dollars—not a princely sum, but fair purses for ham-and-eggers who got half of the total, in most cases, split 60 and 40. Shows were then held twice monthly.

The fact that many attractions brought thirty-five to forty hundred dollars per show is proof that there is some boxing patronage here for a real live promoter to work on—a specialist, one who thoroughly understands the game and one who will enter only the best boxers in his programs—especially the main bouts.

S. G. Gonzales, promoter in the Juarez Central Garden has staged many big matches during the past year in the most up-to-date arena in the Southwest: Yet, on only two or three shows did he make any money. And what came on one show in the way of profits would be lost on the next—due to the inability to land high-class men for every card, or, at times, due to the fact that some of the so-rated cracks failed to live up to alleged reputations.

Sam Langford Popular

Jim Erwin, formerly promoter in the Fort Bliss United States Army arena, now torn down, has been making a living out of the game in Mexico. Jim's promoting site is also Juarez, but in the Juarez Bullring and in the Cosmopolitan or "Ford" arena—the latter a small establishment.

Jim is fairly successful in that he devotes his entire time to the business. Frequently he puts over a star show. He recently brought on Sam Langford for three fights. Sam did his bit in reviving the game in a knockout win over Battling Owens—a colossal chunk of heavyweight cheese from New Orleans, and in two dandy matches with Young Jack Taylor of Omaha. Taylor is a youngster of apparent promise.

Langford will probably go from El Paso to Mexico City for a serie[illegible] of

matches in the old Mexico capital. The game there, the promoters declare is now in full bloom. Battling Kid Savage, light heavyweight of the Pacific coast; Speedball Hayden of Columbus, New Mexico, former army middleweight champion; Kid Payo, El Paso veteran featherweight; Gene Payo, once boxing instructor at Camp Cody, New Mexico, and Jimmy Fitten of San Francisco have fought there during the past year. Fitten and Kid Payo went 33 rounds in a finish fight in Mexico City a few months ago, the fight then being called because both men were out ou their feet, according to the decision of the referee, an El Paso man.

Ted Jamieson came on from Chicago to box Lee Anderson, then colored light heavyweight champion, in the Juarez bullring. Anderson lost on an apparently deliberate foul in the tenth round. Jamieson's showing was a sorry effect. Poor Barney Abel, who came on with Jamieson, proved a right sort of fellow and a live wire. Next time, we trust, he will come with a fighter who can do something besides talk.

Tiger Flowers Best Card

Tiger Flowers, Atlanta negro middleweight, has fought 11 fights here in a year and was beaten only once —knocked out by Lee Anderson in seven rounds. At this writing Flowers is the biggest card in the Southwest, with the possible exception of Sam Langford. Flowers, however, always draws the largest gates.

Flowers knocked out Jimmy Barry in five and fought one fifteen-round draw with the California light heavy. In his first start here the Atlanta boy knocked out Gorilla Jones in nine. Flowers knocked Billy Britton for nine counts four times in a fifteen-round event which went the limit. The first round was two and one-half minutes gone when the timer evidently got excited and rang the bell, saving Britton, who, by the way, is now an improved fighter and a great card in this section. Flowers kayoed Hachita Kid Brown in one round; outpointed Frankie Murphy in fifteen and pasted Andy Kid Palmer all through a fifteen-round bout to win all by himself.

Tony Caponi came on from New York and fought Frankie Monroe of California a draw in fifteen. Caponi made a fine impression on the fans in his first start, but later made an indifferent showing against Battling Budd of Atlanta, yet got the decision.

Monroe whipped Mike Vasquez, El Paso Mexican featherweight, so badly in their scheduled fifteen-rounder in the Bullring during the summer that Vasquez—hit high on the hip bone—claimed a foul and was given the decision of the referee after some physician said at the close of an indifferent examination that Vasquez had been fouled, hit below the belt. It was later alleged Vasquez' second—anxious to make good the claim of foul—jumped on Vasquez' cup in the dressing room. Affidavits were made that Vasquez was struck so hard on the cup that it was driven in and dented. However, Vasquez was not knocked off his feet. A physician swore that Vasquez had been hit in the groin. The testimony was inconsistent and was alleged to have been framed to save Vasquez and his rep, but the public would have no more of him. He was ruined as a popular favorite and since then fought only once to date. In fact, it was said, after his only recent fight, that the club lost money despite the fact that both boys in the top match were fighting on percentage, minus all guarantees.

As a matter of fact, Vasquez is a fair preliminary boy, who has been masqueraded as a star attraction.

Eagan and Britton Draw

Joe Eagan of Boston and Billy Britton, middles, fought a fifteen-round draw.

Willie Green under the management of Eddie Stanton, two fine young men, came on for a match with Frankie Monroe. Referee Carl Studer called it a draw. Green is fairly clever, but is not of first-rate class. He has been fighting in minor events out on the coast and has been meeting with only fair success of late.

Mike Vasquez knocked out Battling Barrere of New Orleans in one round at Fort Bliss, but, according to Barrere and Chris Chaney, Barrere's southwestern representative, would not again meet Barrere in a return match for more money.

Kid Koster came on from New Orleans and won fifteen of fifteen rounds from Vasquez. Koster played sick, day of fight, worked on the tender heart and sympathies of Vasquez' manager—Jack Taylor—and hurdled the detail of making weight. Koster then crossed Vasquez by giving him a fearful beating. Koster whipped Vasquez so badly that, for a time, it was feared the latter would never box again. Yet he came on later and took the same sort of a whipping from Monroe—that is, he did until the 14th round—when he as good as quit and in so doing resigned from the ranks of favoritism in El Paso and Juarez.

Vasquez' manager, Jack Taylor, left town after the Monroe fight. Taylor is now located in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Giving the boy his due, Taylor is an excellent trainer and conditioner of boxers.

Among others who have fought here during the past year are Danny Nunes, Sacramento feather; Joe Leonard of Brooklyn, featherweight, winner of the Southwest title in a fight with Nunes, getting the decision on an unintentional foul; Kid Lee, Sacramento negro lightweight; Eddie St. Claire, Coast negro welter; Speedy Sparks, of Oklahoma; Hamp Brown of Oklahoma; Dandy Dick Griffin of Fort Worth; Frankie Garcia of Memphis; Lee Morrissey, Idaho welterweight; Fearless Ferns, Atlanta, lightweight, and Freddie Boorde, of Atlanta, featherweight.

Griffin is now in Los Angeles, fighting regularly.

Tommy Carter, El Paso lightweight, is also in Los Angeles, but we do not hear much of him as a boxer. Tommy has other ambitions, among them that of becoming a high class mining engineer. Carter was once army light weight champion.

Mel Stevenson, Kansas City welter, is here.

The fight game at Columbus, New Mexico, former big fight center, is no more, the 24th infantry colored regiment having been transferred to another southern post.

The real find of the past year in boxers, locally, is Young Joe Rivers, an El Paso Mexican featherweight with a fighting heart and a real punch. Rivers is a flat-footed socker and a terrible body walloper. He will make good. In fact, he is the best looker El Paso has ever had. Besides, he is a game boy, a clean young fellow, the support of his widowed mother and three younger brothers. Some smart manager could make a good ringster out of this boy. His most recent best fight was a 10-round draw with Danny Martin in Phoenix, Arizona. In training camp, Rivers' eye was cut in a head collision, which caused him to fight all through the Martin match with his left hand for a mauler, while he guarded his eye at all times with his right—his meat hand.

Jim Jeffries, former heavyweight champion, paid us a couple of pleasant visits during the year. Jim would rather talk oil than boxing. In the oil game he is making money in East Texas. Some time back the eastern and Gold coast papers had Jim all lit up like a church as a coming evangelist. The story was not at all correct. Jim Jeffries is still in his right mind—making money in a legitimate, businesslike way.

Earl Puryear and Mike Twin Sullivan have been here recently. Mike Twin was calling on his old friend —Australian Billy Smith—famous now as a detective in the West and Southwest. In his day and time, Billy was as good as any of them in the middleweight class of artistic fist flingers.

Leo P. Flynn of New York pulled at least three of his men out of matches here within the year. The offenders were Panama Joe Gans, Norfolk and George Shade. There's something the matter with Flynn's business methods. El Paso patrons all kindly inclined to running licity on boxing matches, have more than three times been obliged to take back announcements on Flynn boys.

Tiger Flowers is under the management of Nick Sollitto, who introduced Flowers in Juarez. Others in the Sollitto barn are Eddie Civil, heavyweight; Battling Budd; lightweight; Larry Avera, welter; Fearless Ferns, lightweight; Jack Dempsey Denham, light heavyweight; Lukie Tenner, junior lightweight; Freddie Boorde, featherweight, and Billy Hooper, negro middleweight. Fights cancelled on Sollitto here were those scheduled between: Panama Joe Gans and Tiger Flowers; Jimmy O'Gatty and Tiger Flowers and Joe Eagan vs. Tiger Flowers.

Ring Sport Had Its Ups and Downs in New Orleans the Past Year, But Promises to do Better in 1923

Fans Will Come Out in Good Numbers When Local Idol is Going Good and is Matched With Good Opponent—Slump in Game During Latter Part of 1922, But Comes Back With Profitable Gate for Promoter of Happy Littleton-Bryan Downey Scrap All But Two Promoters Get Bumped During Year.

BY WILL R. HAMILTON
(Editor, New Orleans Daily Sporting Bulletin)

Will R. Hamilton, former sporting editor of the New Orleans Item, who is now managing editor of the Sporting Bulletin, ranks with the best writers on boxing and other sports in the country. His authoritative and interesting articles on the ring game have won him a wide reputation, not only in Dixie, but throughout the sporting world.

NEW ORLEANS—It may be the same elsewhere, or it may be different, but no matter what the financial conditions are the boxing game here is healthy when the existing local idol is fighting good, clean, good matches can be procured for him.

This is by way of saying that, although there has been a perceptible slump in boxing here the last two or three months, the sport came back with a bounce and a bound the other evening when "Happy" Littleton and Bryan Downey fought. It was a match that New Orleans wanted to see, and the gate receipts were some $17 short of receipts of the same match exactly a year ago when everything was jake in New Orleans and the goose hanging high.

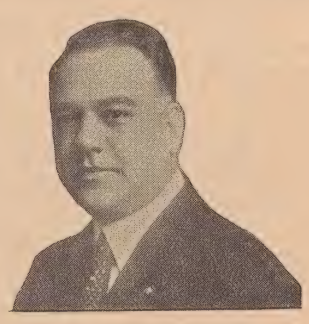
When New Orleans wants to see a match the game is good. New Orleans has too many matches, perhaps, to want to see them all to the tune of any great "gate." This is a good sporting town, with something going on the year round. Therefore, boxing must only take its turn. The Littleton-Downey match drew in excess $13,000. It was promoted by Al sbury, who has lost more money than all the promoters here put together, so it will be a happy Christmas for Al. He is a good winner, as well as a good loser, and may spend the jack he made out of the affair celebrating the occasion.

Next Big Match

Although Dominick Tortorich, who is still is the leading promoter, has been unable to get together the sort of matches that will net dividends at the big Lousiana Auditorium, there now seems a chance for him to go back into the match making game on a real scale. The next big match in view is one between Littleton and Jeff Smith, and this will probably be a bigger affair than was that between "Happy" and his Cleveland rival. If Tortorich doesn't stage it he will have a part of it for the rent of his club.

Frank Joret has made a remarkable success all the year with the Tulane arena. This boy has become an adept at making matches, and really has put it all over the others in this respect, so he deserves what the year has brought him. The Tulane always was a popular place, centrally located, and Joret sees to it that nearly all the cards are good ones.

Frankie Edwards has tried hard to make the new Coliseum pay the investors, but he has had little luck. This is a remarkable place for a fight, one of the best in the United States, having an advantage over even the larger Auditorium because it is enclosed. But Frankie has monkeyed with wrestlers so long he hasn't quite learned the art of ring match-making, and even some of the matches that looked good to everybody turned out badly. Pilsbury also has had some of this luck.



R. T. (DICK) BURKE
Secretary, Louisiana Boxing Commission and Vice President National Boxing Association.

Only Two Show Profit

So the fact is that, out of all the matches pulled off here—two a week and three when the shines operate—Tortorich and Joret are the only ones who can show a profit. When the others become as experienced as this pair they, too, will.

But nobody is quitting. The Commission is doing much to keep the game up to a standard that it did not occupy before the Commission went in. Really, New Orleans has to be thankful for Charlie Oury, Dick Burke and Al Coogan, for they have achieved much. They are now more lenient with promoters, boxers and referees, without being too indulgent with them, which is another way of saying that they were a little too hard-boiled to begin with, sometimes rather unreasonable. As a result of their softening up just a wee bit there is more harmony in the sport. The promoters, instead of trying to carve one another's throats, are working together like little pals.

Why, there was a little hand-shaking all around the other day when it was learned that, by a matter of dimes, one promoter had got the best of a certain fight manager in the division of purse and profits. This manager had proved a two-edged sword, getting the better of first one promoter and then another until it was almost poison to see him come around. Though he had a great card there wasn't a chance for a promoter to make more than ten or fifteen cents after taking all the chances. Finally the hard-boiled person got hooked. He made good money, but for once he didn't make it all.

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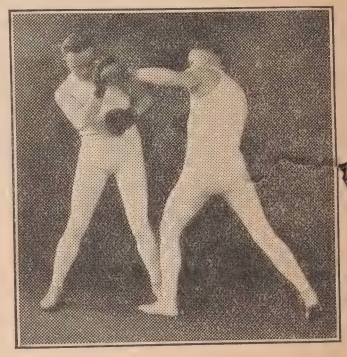

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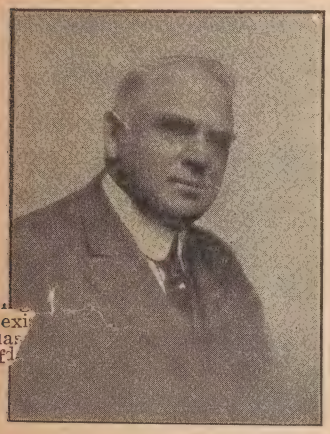

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President National Boxing Association.

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Mr. Liginger was president of the Milwaukee Athletic Club two years; vice president two years, and served as one of its Board of Directors for fourteen years. He acted as chairman of the Athletic Committee of the club for ten years, during which time the Milwaukee Athletic Club became prominent in track and field athletics, swimming, wrestling and boxing.

At present Mr. Liginger is a live member of the Amateur Athletic Union and a member of the Board of Governors; athletic commissioner of the A. A. U. for the state of Wisconsin; and has been a member of the Milwaukee Athletic Club for the past thirty-five years. He was appointed by Francis E. McGovern, governor of Wisconsin as a member of the State Athletic Commission of Wisconsin in 1913 for a term of three years.

Mr. Liginger was elected chairman of the State Athletic Commission. August 25th, 1913, and re-appointed boxing commissioner by Governor Emanuel Phillip, August 20th, 1916, for a term of five years. He was elected president of the National Boxing Association of the United States at New York City, January 14th, 1921, and re-elected president at New Orleans, La., Jan. 15th, 1922.

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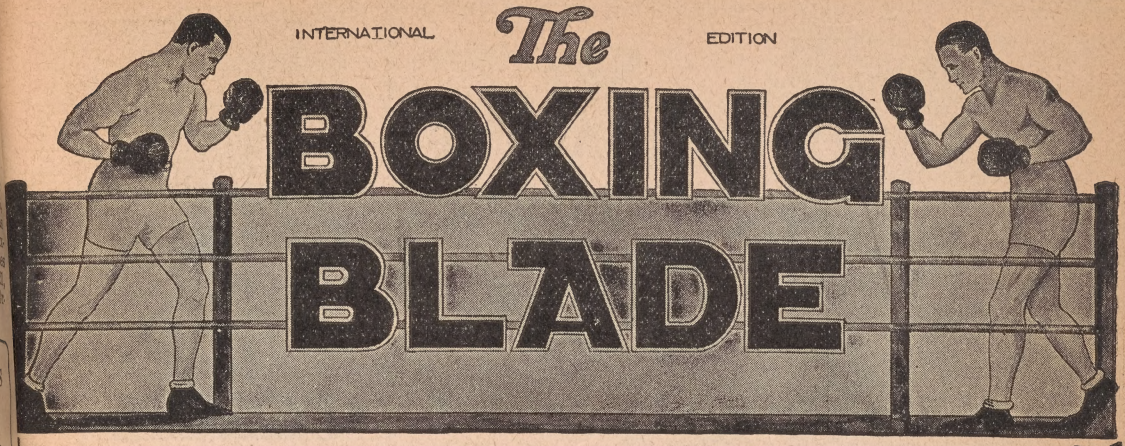

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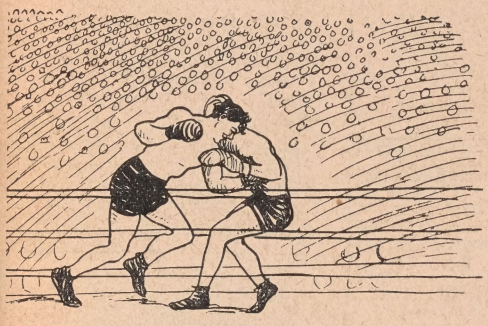

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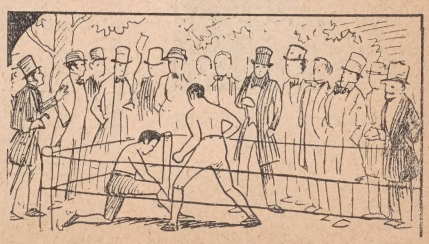

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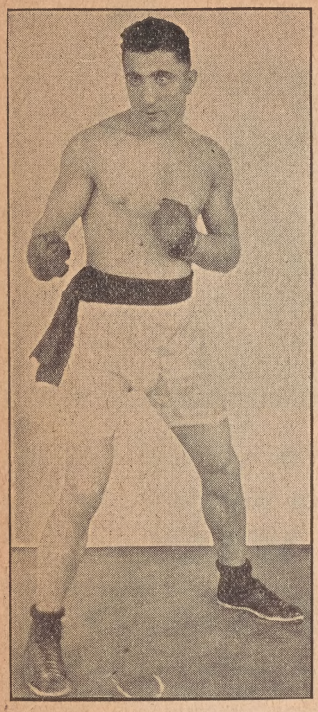

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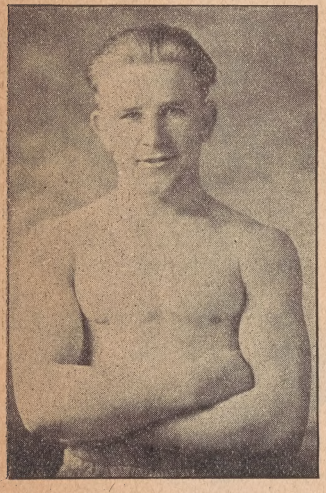

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